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No arrest yet in case of woman's body found in Upton

By MICHAEL DANIELS
As of The Citizen's press-time Wednesday afternoon, no arrest had been announced in the case of a Limington mother whose body was found Friday afternoon in Upton.

The body of 30-year-old Kelly Winslow was discovered, on a Back Street property. According to the State Medical Examiner's Office, the victim had been shot in the head.

Following an autopsy Sunday, her death was ruled a homicide.

According to State Police, Winslow was reported missing Thursday night by her husband, Patrick Dapolito.

Her obituary lists the date of death at Tuesday, March 16, two days before she was reported missing, according to a report in the Sun Journal.

After taking her husband's report, State Police searched several locations, including the 200-acre Upton property, which belongs to Dapolito's parents.

Upton Town Clerk Jim Rector said the property is located approximately a half mile in from Route 26.

Rector said the parents have been residents of Upton for several years, but he did not know exactly how long.

He described the couple as "very nice people," but said he had not, to his knowledge, met Patrick Dapolito.

The spot where Winslow's body was found is in the same area of Upton where that of another murder victim was found in September of 2006.

The charred remains of James Whitehurst, 50, an Ar-

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'Up, up and away ...'



SNOWMOBILERS AT SATURDAY'S SECOND ANNUAL MT. ABRAM HILL CLIMB demonstrated there is more than one way to get up the hill — fast. Starting from near the base lodge, most made the climb (just short of half a mile) to the top of the mountain in 25 to 35 seconds, some reaching speeds of nearly 90 miles per hour. The race was sponsored by Mt. Abram and the Greenstock Snow Sports Club. The event attracted riders from as far away as Massachusetts and Connecticut, as well as local riders looking to find snow, according to Mt. Abram's Kevin Rosenberg (Photo: Dennis Okenquist)

New map is a gateway to Maine's 6,000 miles of ATV trails — but few run here

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The opening day for local and visiting ATV riders in this part of the state is still almost two months off, but when those four-wheelers do hit the trails, they will have a new map to guide them.

The Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands has issued its annual "Maine All-terrain Vehicle Trail Map" for the upcoming riding season.

The exact opening date here, as elsewhere in the state, is up to local landowners and clubs, said Mike Worthley, president of the Roxbury ATV Riders Club.

"We shoot for May 22, on Memorial Day weekend, the date of our first poker run," he said, "but if it dries sooner, we'll open sooner."

Picking the perfect opening day is an inexact science.

"Last year we got caught with our pants down," he said. "We said the 22nd, and we opened them a week earlier, and then it rained for three weeks."

When the trails do open, the clubs will put notices in local newspapers, he said.

Gateway but not to here

Worthley, a selectman in Roxbury, is also Western Maine vice president for ATV Maine, the Alliance of Trail Vehicles in Maine.

In that role, he oversees 18 other ATV clubs in Western Maine.

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Town Meetings in high gear Is funding in the wind for Woodstock school?

By ALISON ALOISIO

At Monday's annual Town Meeting, Woodstock voters will consider a warrant article proposing a 180-day moratorium on wind power projects in town.

Approval would halt a current project planned by Patriot Renewables LLC on Spruce Mountain. The Planning Board has given approval for the project, except for a building permit,

according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

In public hearings on the plan to date, there has been little opposition.

But the proposed moratorium expresses concern about health and safety issues, and states that the town needs to explore the possible impact of such development further before approving such projects.

Town officials, parents, and PTA discuss WES options — Page 4

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Andover opts not to foot the bill for keeping AES

By ALISON ALOISIO

Voters at Andover's Town Meeting last Saturday turned down (for now) a plan to move the Town Office, redirected funds from the Revaluation Account to pay for a new roof on the Town Hall, and rejected a proposal to make the town clerk/tax collector an appointed position.

They also raised questions about the cost of Med-Care Ambulance service and declined to raise money that might be used, if needed, to keep the Andover Elementary School open.

Town Office

The Town Hall Committee, with support of voters, has overseen a variety of improvements to the old building in recent years.

"Our aim is to use it more," chair Elissa Thibodeau told voters Saturday.

They proposed selling the current Town Office building, on Stillman Ave., and relocating the office to the Town Hall.

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Gilead race pits former selectman v. incumbent

By ALISON ALOISIO

Voters at Gilead's Town Meeting Saturday will consider several proposals to borrow money to pave or repair town roads.

If all are approved, the estimated combined cost would be \$204,000.

And in a race for the open seat on the Board of Selectmen, residents will choose between incumbent Stephen McLain and challenger Fernand Corriveau, a former long-time selectman, according to Lin Chapman, town clerk/treasurer.

Roads

This year's paving proposals include: \$28,000 for 1,500 feet on the Bog Road; \$35,000 for 1,900 feet on Wight's Hill on the North Road; and \$21,000 for 1,300 feet on another section of the North Road.

A repair project is also recommended for the Lary Brook Bridge on the North Road, with the cost not to exceed \$120,000.

If any road projects are approved, Chapman said, a special Town Meeting will likely

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Assistant to Upton town clerk is ready to step up

By ALISON ALOISIO

A new selectman and new town clerk are expected to be elected at Upton's annual Town Meeting tonight (Thursday).

Jim Rector, the current clerk/tax collector/treasurer, said he wants to slowly transition out of those jobs.

To that end, Michelle Bouchard has been working with him to learn the town clerk's job, and will be a candidate for the position next

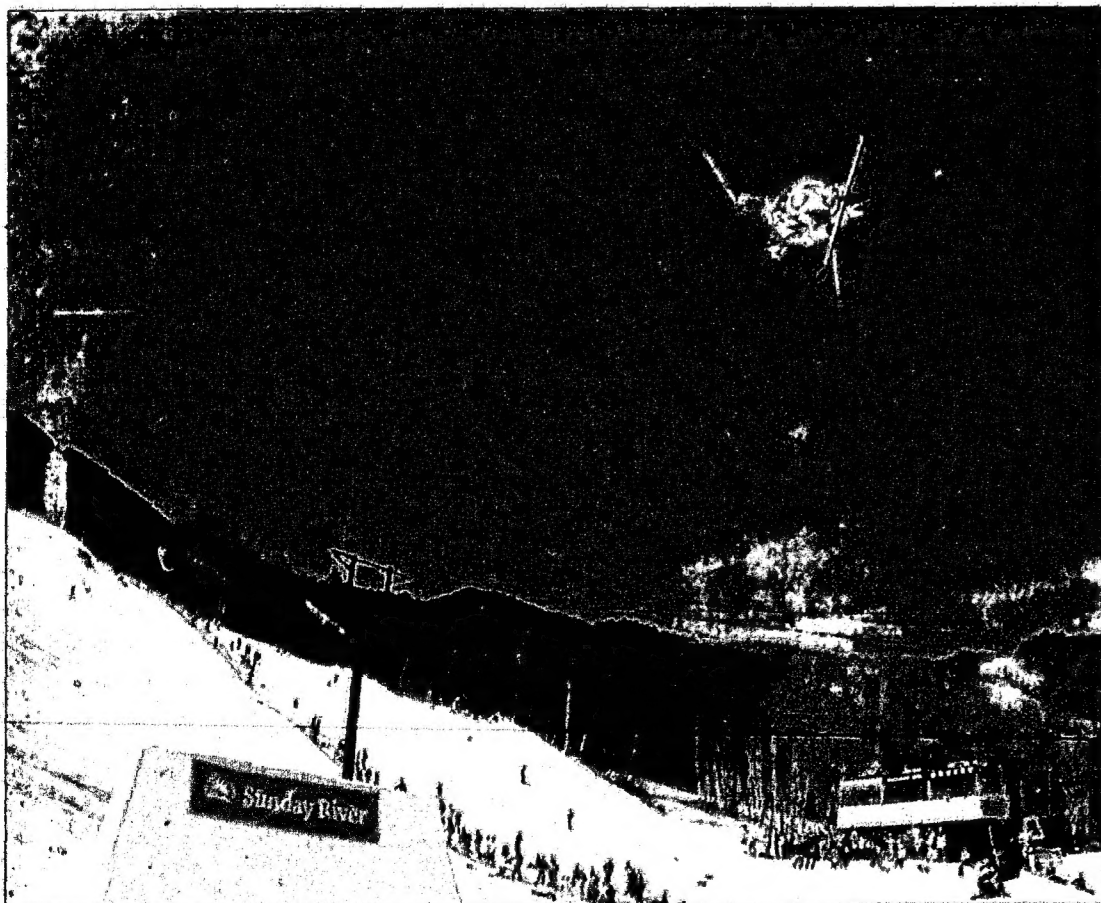
week.

Rector will run again for the other two positions, he said.

Selectman Rodney Goudreau will step down after completing his current three-year term. Rector said, and Bob Brown is the only known candidate.

Brown has served as a selectman in the past and is currently a member of the Planning Board.

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REGISTRATION FOR SECOND DUMONT CUP CLOSING TODAY
X-Games superstar and homegrown Sunday River athlete, Simon Dumont, returns to the resort this weekend, March 26 and 27, to host the second annual Dumont Cup. Unlike any freeskiering event in the East, the Dumont Cup gives young freeskiers the chance to compete with their idols. For this professional and amateur combined event, amateurs vie for the top 20 spots to compete against the pros. Registration for the event closes today. The event awards \$20,000 in cash and prizes to the top three athletes. Registration is \$100 and includes a lift ticket. For more information visit www.dumontcup.com or www.sundayriver.com. Here Dumont (THS 2004) competes in last year's event.

BETHEL TOWN
Baseball, T-Ball and Softball Sign-Ups

The Bethel Recreation Board will be taking sign-ups for the town Baseball, T-Ball and Softball programs. Please sign-up at the Town Office by these dates.

BASEBALL SIGN-UPS

March 11 - March 26

For All Ages 5-15

Levels include T-Ball, Rookie Minors, Majors and Babe Ruth

SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS

March 11 - April 11

For Ages 7-14

Fine & Casual Dining & Live Music w/Moon Boot Lover

The Millbrook Tavern & Grille
Open daily for cocktails at 4pm, dinner 5pm - 9pm through 3/27
Serving Lunch, Saturday & Sunday, 12noon - 5pm
Live music on Friday & Saturday at 9 pm

"A Can't Miss" Fine Dining in the Main Dining Room
\$29.95pp Four course Wine Dinner for Two Special
Open Friday & Saturday, 5:30pm - 9pm
Breakfast Served Thursday-Sunday

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Kids Eat FREE!
11 & Under from Kids' menu with each adult dinner purchase in the Tavern & Dining Room!

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Easter Brunch: Easter Brunch Buffet, April 4th from 11am - 2pm... see menu on page 3

Woodstock/ Greenwood

Baseball, Softball T-Ball Sign-ups

Tuesday, March 23

6:00 to 7:30

Saturday, March 27

10:00 to 12:00

Tuesday, March 30

6:00 to 7:30

Woodstock Recreation Center (Located on Railroad Street)

(THESE ARE THE ONLY SIGN UP DATES)

\$10.00 per child

\$25.00 per family with 3 or more children

Fundraising for Softball Team!

March 27 - Spaghetti Supper 5-7 pm

Felstar Cafe - Adults \$8, kids \$5 (minors \$3)

Entire family for \$20

* Sat. April 3 at the Bethel Postage Bottle drive and car wash from 9-12 noon

* Tuesday April 13

THS gymnasium - Harlem Rockets

Doors open at 5pm with refreshments

All proceeds to benefit the Lady Rebels softball team trip to NC!

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Letters

PERFECT FUNDING STORM

To the Editor:

To the parents, voters, taxpayers and students of SAD 44, below please find a letter I recently sent to all school board members. If you agree that cutting teaching positions and after-school activities for students should be a last resort, please contact school board members.

Recent cuts in state funding to schools, peak valuation of town properties and overburdened taxpayers have all combined to create the "perfect storm" for school funding.

Obviously, cuts are going to have to be made but I am concerned about proposed elimination of 8.5 teaching positions at the middle and high school level. Too often cuts are made that will affect the children either academically or in after school activities such as sports, band, drama club etc. Cuts in these areas at some point may be needed but I would suggest that cuts that affect the kids should be done only as a last resort.

To get through the upcoming fiscal year and not eliminate teaching positions I would propose the following:

1) Eliminate the very high paying position of middle school principal and some supporting staff. Telstar has operated in the past with one principal and it would seem feasible that in light of declining enrollment, the high school principal and dean of students along with some support staff could handle the middle and high school.

2) Eliminate the Adult Ed Program. We are not mandated by state law to have it and in "boom" times it was a nice luxury to have but in tough times it is necessary to remember our obligation is to the children - not adults.

3) Ethel Bisbee School should be closed this year. There is nothing to be gained by waiting and the yearly savings of \$25,000 could begin immediately.

I strongly believe that these measures, combined with the additional \$100,000-plus that Mr. Murphy mentioned the district had received in additional state money, federal stimulus money and the possibility of an even greater increase in state funding, we would not have to eliminate teaching positions.

I would request that one or all of you make this a formal alternative to the proposed elimination of teaching positions and other activities that would negatively affect our children.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your service to our community and remind you that your responsibilities are first to the students, second to the voters and taxpayers and lastly to the administration that you employ. Thank you for your time and I would greatly appreciate your help in this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Rick Whitney
Bethel

HANSCOM FAMILY THANK YOU

To the Editor:

The family of Rodney Hanscom Jr. would like to extend a huge "Thank You" for all the support and condolences they have received in the loss of Ronnie. We would like to thank everyone that sent cards, food, and phone calls, visits, and all the beautiful flowers they received.

We would like to personally thank Bethel Ambulance, and Fire for coming so quick, and going above and beyond measures to save Ronnie. We would like to say thank you to two very special paramedics that night (David Hanscom and Rob Hopper). We could never repay you for all you did. We also want to thank Ozzie Hart for consoling us and being there for us while they were working on Ronnie. We want to thank Greenleaf Funeral Home (especially Cliff) for taking such good care of Ronnie, and doing such a wonderful job, and putting up with us with all our requests and questions, and to the Masons for doing such a beautiful tribute to Ronnie.

We would also like to thank John and Wendy Williams for coming out so late and praying with us, and consoling us over the loss of Ronnie. We would also like to extend a very heartfelt and special thank you to Laurie Bellman for spending so much time with us, and being such a special friend, and Rob and Jenny Hopper for all they did to help us get through this, the food, support, and being brave enough to baby-sit seven kids plus their four. LOL. The ladies auxiliary for the refreshments they provided. We can't go without saying thank you to Richard and Laurie Wiacek for being there for us and for the special song he sang, and for sharing his fondest memories of Ronnie. You guys will hold a special place in our hearts forever.

We want to especially thank Hancock Lumber for closing the mill out of respect for Ronnie, so his friends could be there to pay their respects, in which the whole mill did attend, and for all they have done to help us in our time of need. We were simply overwhelmed with all the people that came out to pay their respects and to share their memories of Ronnie. We think Ronnie would have been so surprised at how loved and respected he was, and over how much he would be missed. He was a very special husband, son, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, and will live in our hearts forever.

The family of Rodney Hanscom Jr.: Christine Hanscom, Stephanie and Arthur Bragdon, Christopher Hanscom and Denise and Chris Morse, Rodney and Kathleen Hanscom, David and Sue Hanscom, Nancy and Peter Anderson, Brian and Wendy Hanscom, Kelsie Hanscom and Errol Andrews.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

To the Editor:

We are well aware that, due to serious budget issues, our schools are in crisis nationwide. Schools are being closed, Staff is asked to do a lot more with much less. Taxpayers are asked to contribute more. Public education is being gutted. On March 4, there were protests all over the country to draw attention to the issues and demand better for our kids. Please email, call or write our senators, congressmen and women. Remind them that they find billions of dollars to fund all kinds of bailouts, projects, programs, etc. Our kids and schools deserve the same attention and funding.

Do not forget our state representatives, they need to help find solutions to these shortfalls. On a local level, please try to attend town and school board meetings. I know this is difficult as many of us do not have 9 to 5 schedules, but make every effort for the future of our schools. Our selectmen and school board members need to work with us and not rush into these closings. We will pay a larger price if we don't solve potential short-term problems with long-term decisions.

Thank you to parents, teachers and concerned citizens for your help and support.

Amy Landry
Woodstock

OCEA-R SCHOLARSHIP

To the Editor:

The Oxford County Education Association-Retired (OCEA-R) is announcing that scholarships for 2010 will be four \$500 grants. Preference will be given to students pursuing some career in education. Scholarships will be granted not only to area high school students, but also non-traditional students who are re-entering programs of study. All applications must be obtained from and submitted through local high school guidance departments, which will send in their nominees by May 1.

Candidates must be legal residents of Maine. The awards will be given to the winning candidates at the end of the first semester, provided that they qualify at that time.

Helen Decker
South Paris

VETERANS MEMORIAL IN BETHEL?

To the Editor:

Have you noticed our Veteran's Memorial in Bethel? You haven't?

The following towns have a very noticeable monument to their past veterans; Gilead, Locke Mills, Norway, South Paris and a very nice one as you go over the Androscoggin coming from Lewiston. What have the people of Bethel done to honor their past and present veterans? I spoke to one of the selectmen about it and his reply was that he thought the veterans themselves should put up their own memorial. He is not a veteran.

While we are thinking about it, I personally don't think a memorial that just covers all our past and present veterans is adequate. I myself would rather see one with the individual's names, dates, and brand of service. All the other towns have done it this way.

It would be nice if we could get Robin Zinchuck to chair this endeavor. She seems to be one of the few people that can get things like this done well in our town.

Frank A. Gibson
Bethel

VACCINATION EFFORT THANKS

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals who helped in the seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccination effort in the SAD 44 schools. The donation of your time was greatly appreciated. I also would like to extend a special thank you to Dianna Milot and staff at the Bethel Family Health Center for your ongoing support of school health initiatives. It is great to live and work in such a wonderful and supportive SAD 44 community.

Christine Cole, RN, BSN
District School Nurse, SAD44

A LEGACY OF LAUGHS

To the Editor:

It has been my good fortune throughout life to have loads of friends who share some kind of bond that makes our relationships meaningful, memorable and timeless. I have had at least two friends who have been especially noteworthy for their humor, which possessed elements of irony, cynicism, and a sense of the outrageous. I met John at my first college class while still a teenager. We went through four years of college and had so many laughs that caused us to often collapse in tears while holding on to our gyrating abdomens.

We continued after our university days to laugh about the rich heritage connected to the people and situations that had originally caused such mirth. John died in 2000, but I still vividly recall our many humorous escapades as if they had happened only yesterday. My other friend who had a similar sense of the ironic and outrageous was Jim Lowe. How we laughed for over thirty years just like John and I had in the 1960s. Wherever we went, there was bound to be something or some situation that caught our attention and brought us down with tear-filled eyes and aching sides. It seems hard to believe that in less than ten years, I am now bereft of these two very special friends.

Since Jim's death, my mind has ranged over many episodes in our times together. Space will only allow me to cite only a few specific examples of what it was like to be with Jim. I think Jim would want me to relate one of his favorite stories that he found particularly amusing since I was faced with a situation I could have never anticipated. It happened at the State Grange Session during 1994 in Lewiston, when he was helping me with a book signing. My history of the Maine State Grange was published that year and Jim was sitting at a table beside me on the left next to the entrance to the convention hall opening the shrink wrap that enclosed each copy.

I was asking the potential customer what he or she wanted me to write and the State Grange Treasurer on my right was collecting the money after I had finished signing. All of sudden I caught a glimpse of a young man running toward us with an anxious look on his face. He was about to vomit and just as he did, the Treasurer and I pulled the books out of harm's way. The young man continued through the exit vomiting all the way into the bathroom across the hall. As if that was not bad enough for Jim's and my reaction to the whole situation, the look of horror on the face of the then Chief Deputy of the Maine State Grange was enough to send us into further convulsions of laughter. I did eventually have presence of mind enough to reach into my attaché case and pull out a container of antacid tablets and hand it to the young man who was most grateful. Jim never forgot the grimace on my face as I sensed what was about to happen and since it was nothing very serious in the long run, we laughed about it for years.

The other situation was about ten years later in Amsterdam when Jim and I visited the Netherlands. The first person we met was a Croatian named Sasha who was the employee on duty the day we arrived at our bed and breakfast. We were early and he informed us right away that he did not have to wait on us, but thought we might appreciate the opportunity to get settled down a bit after making the flight from Boston.

Almost immediately Jim and I surmised he had our sense of humor even though (or because) he had undergone such a brutal experience in his native land during the breakup of what had once been part of Yugoslavia. From that time on, he was our friend throughout our ten days there. Neither one of us could believe what a keen and perceptive mind he possessed and how perfectly he fitted in with us. It was as if we had known him for years. Our last night there, he volunteered to give us his tour of Amsterdam. It just had to be one of the great experiences of my entire life! Jim and I were laughing so hard that we soon ached and we begged him to go easy on us, but he was relentless. It is a wonder that we survived.

He has stayed in touch with Jim ever since and Jim always shared his messages with me and passed on my thoughts and news to him. It is going to be very hard to tell Sasha that Jim has died, but I am hoping that the line of communication will continue and Sasha's promise of visiting Maine will one day happen. It will be difficult to do this without Jim, but it may help us both in bringing some kind of closure.

Jim was a master of imitating personal mannerisms of many individuals, including myself. He also had a special knack for spotting malapropisms and other human frailties and failures. Yet despite his often-gruff manner, one knew he possessed the softest of hearts. His love of animals knew few bounds. He also enjoyed roaming around in the woods, through gardens and along beaches. Moreover, he served his community in many significant ways.

However, he informed me he hated going to cemeteries. He was particularly resentful about having to accompany me once in Cleveland, Ohio's Lake View Cemetery to find William Bingham II's grave. I don't know how I ever discovered it so quickly, but some honing instinct told me it was not far from that of John D. Rockefeller. He never got over how lucky I was to locate the site so promptly and I think, even though he never admitted it, he loved the experience of taking in this remarkable garden cemetery.

Jim always had a special affection for my mother. I never really understood how they came to be such good friends. They were both sometimes perceived as "crusty," but they possessed the kindest of hearts. After my father's death, the relationship took on special meaning since Jim often asked my mother to accompany him on trips to the airport or shopping. She loved those times with him and would drop everything to go no matter what she was doing. The last time he talked with me he ended our conversation on the note of how much he missed her.

In 2001, Jim and I were at the annual meeting of the Bethel Historical Society when news of my mother's death came to me. I had to break the news to him, hold him up and try to comfort him as he slumped down in grief by telling him that she was adamant in her orders not to keep her alive if anything happened to her mind. Now it gives me great comfort that these two incredible individuals who were such a presence on earth to me are together once again. Wherever they are, I am certain it is not a boring time for either one of them. Jim has left us a legacy of laughs and we are all the better for knowing him.

Stan Howe
Bethel

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson
10 years ago: Members of the Bethel Fire Department took second-place honors at the 10th annual Fireman's Race at Sunday River Ski Resort.

Phelps and Joan Poland were honored at a 50th wedding anniversary party.

The Bethel Inn took the People's Choice Award as well as third place overall at the 11th Annual "Eat the Heat" Chili Cookoff at Sunday River.

Dusty Bailey was the Best of Show winner in Bethel Scout Pack 566's Pinewood Derby 2000.

Deaths: James F. Wiles, Nancy M. Baker.

20 years ago: During the Gilead town meeting, Mildred McLain was re-elected as town clerk, a post she had held since 1959.

Frank Vogt was recognized by Cross Country Skier Magazine for logging over 1,000 cross-country kilometers during the winter season.

More than 100 Woodstock School students were participating in A.S.A.P., a five-week After School Activities Program featuring bowling, chess, Tole painting, drama and other activities.

Births: Brooks Edward Schandelmeyer, Michael David Fleet.

Deaths: Harriett M. Bell.

30 years ago: Jay Ross Hastings and John Richard Carter represented Oxford County Farm Bureau as honorary pages to Rep. Karen Brown at the Maine Legislature's Agriculture Day.

Bates College freshman David Berry completed his first varsity season on the Bates men's basketball team.

Mrs. Sabin's kindergarten class at Andover Elementary School visited Howard Whitten's Notty Toys Shop and learned about making wooden toys.

Deaths: Hilda M. Pratt, Mrs. Ruth F. Ring.

40 years ago: Ground was officially broken for construction of a new three-level dormitory on the Gould Academy campus.

Telstar Regional High School won the State Class B Ski Championships in a two-day meet held at Mt. Abram and Bethel.

Bethel Inn was awarded a 4-star rating by the Mobil Travel Guide indicating that they considered it "outstanding — worth a special trip."

Birth: Alan Martin Wilson.

Deaths: Frank W. Bjorklund, Charles J. Cornell, Peter M. MacDonald.

50 years ago: 1st Lt. Donald Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett, left for Texas to attend Missile School for 16 weeks.

Approximately one-half of the 100x200 foot Stanley Arena at Hebron Academy collapsed.

A record hop to benefit the Lucky Clover 4-H Club was held at Alder River Grange with music provided by Ken Ellis and Don Clark of WRUM radio.

Births: Jane Susan Goddard, Jennie Ann Judkins.

60 years ago: The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wight at Upton was burned. A washing machine, a box of clothing and the barn nearby were saved.

Deaths: Dana C. Philbrook, Mrs. Frances Hayes.

70 years ago: Elmer Bean became night officer in Bethel Village Corporation.

Installation of officers of Squadron 81, Sons of the American Legion, was held at the Bethel Grange Hall.

80 years ago: Mumps were prevalent in Bethel village and among Gould Academy students.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hutchinson entertained 18 on their 35th wedding anniversary.

90 years ago: Bethel Town Meeting was adjourned a week because of bad weather and traveling. Pay of the selectmen was increased to \$3.50 and road commissioner to \$5 per day. It was voted to sell the corn shop property to F. J. Tyler for \$1,500.

100 years ago: An Easter service was held at the Universalist Church.

The stage to Upton began the trip now on wheels, but ends on runners due to much snow in Grafton Notch.

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Letters

THE PINNACLE OF RESPECT

To the Editor:

Few public employees (if any) in Bethel have reached the pinnacle of respect and admiration that Bob Davis achieved in his 40 year career working for and supervising the Public Works Department. He was vigilant in his efforts to get things done well and keep the town going as smoothly as possible within the usual financial and manpower constraints. He also served the town well as its fire chief for a dozen years. He set a high standard of service and with his death last week we are the poorer without him. His example will live on in the hearts and minds of all who knew him and were familiar with his extraordinary record.

I always found Bob remarkable in recalling various bits of information that I had difficulty finding elsewhere. His loss will be especially felt the next time I am asked something that only he would know. Memory and oral sources are such a significant component in the historical process. They can sometimes be faulty and misleading, but often they provide clues leading to something in the written record that will shed light on specific historical riddles.

Stan Howe
Bethel

Editor's note: The letter below was sent by Congressman Mike Michaud's office, in January, for inclusion in this year's Woodstock town report. Noting that it did not appear in that report, the Woodstock Democratic Committee asked that it be published in this week's Citizen.

MICHAUD LETTER TO WOODSTOCK

Dear Woodstock residents and friends,

This past year, Mainers have faced many challenges. Yet as I travel across our state, I am inspired by the stories I hear of people coming together to help their friends, families and communities. I also continue to hear from many people who are worried about losing their jobs, heating their homes, putting food on the table and getting affordable health care. Although there are a few hopeful signs that our nation's economy is beginning to recover, there is much more we need to do to help Maine's economy.

As an example, I am very pleased that late last year the newly-created Northern Border Regional Commission received funding and will now be able to start working to create economic development and job creation projects in the most economically distressed areas of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and northern New York.

I am also pleased that Congress authorized a pilot program that would exempt Maine's interstate highways from the 80,000 pound federal truck weight limit and help get larger trucks off our back country roads. This is a good first step in addressing this issue, and I will continue to work to find a lasting solution that will improve road safety and increase productivity.

Our country has also taken important steps forward in protecting and improving veteran's benefits and health care. In October, I joined a number of my colleagues at the White House as President Obama signed the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act. The legislation, which I helped introduce earlier this year, authorizes funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical care programs one year in advance of the start of each fiscal year, helping to end decades of uneven budget cycles and funding shortfalls that have contributed to the rationing of VA health care and inadequate access to treatment for our veterans.

Finally, my staff and I remain committed to providing quality constituent services whether it is help with cutting through red tape or a question about federal programs and benefits. If my office may ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at my Lewiston office at (207) 782-3704 or by emailing me through my web page at www.house.gov/michaud. While on my website, I also encourage you to sign up for occasional email updates on issues important to Mainers.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in Congress.

With warmest regards,
Michael H. Michaud, Member of Congress

Briefly

Shortfall share: 50/50; backup plan

BETHEL—The SAD44 School Board Monday voted unanimously to continue on a course to split the burden of an estimated FY'11 budget shortfall of \$1.6 million roughly equally between the school district and its taxpayers. That would be done through a combination of staff/program cuts and tax hikes. But directors also asked Supt. Dave Murphy to compile a prioritized "add-back" list of staff positions to consider as more state aid information becomes available, and/or if they decide to shift more of the responsibility to taxpayers. The option of possibly asking taxpayers to take on a greater share was raised at the last School Board meeting. The board's budget process will continue at its next meeting on April 12, to be held at the Andover Elementary School.

TOPS program in Andover

ANDOVER—TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international weight-loss network of support groups, has started a new local chapter in Andover. Weekly meetings take place on Mondays at the First Congregational Church in Andover village. Weight-in time is from 5:30 - 6 p.m. with support meetings from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Local meetings will focus on nutrition, food planning, exercise, and encouragement. Visitors are welcome to attend their first meeting free of charge. Annual TOPS membership is \$26. For more information, contact Tina at 557-8804 or Sharon at 392-4351.

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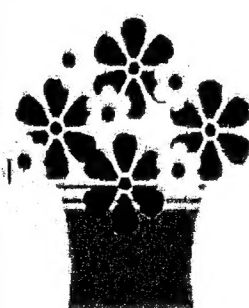
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Woodstock

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(A public hearing on the moratorium will take place tonight, Thursday, at 5 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School.)

Moratorium tied to WES
In an unusual twist, defeating the moratorium proposal is now linked by some to preventing the possible closure of the Woodstock Elementary School in 2011.

That was the message some parents carried away from a meeting last week among PTA members and Woodstock and Greenwood selectmen and school directors. (See related story.)

About 60 people turned out to discuss options for either preventing the possible closure of WES or, if SAD44 decides to close it, for coming up with the funds to keep it open by paying what the district would save.

If the School Board voted to close WES beginning in 2011, and Woodstock wanted

to keep the school open itself, the town would have to raise an estimated \$425,000 in extra funds annually.

That's a significant sum, compared to the town's estimated \$975,000 SAD44 school share for next year.

But, said town officials, if the new wind tower project is built in the next year, Woodstock stands to gain an estimated \$40 million in valuation in 2011 — with an additional \$400,000 in tax revenue.

That revenue, they stressed, could be used for anything from tax reduction to road improvements.

But it could also be used to save the school.

With that possibility in mind, some at the meeting advocated defeating the moratorium.

Budget figures
If voters approve all the money articles on the warrant, the municipal appropriation would total just over \$1

million— nearly the same as last year.

But because of an expected jump in the SAD44 school tax and a decline in town revenues, they could see the mill rate increase to 13 mills, from the current 12.6.

For a \$100,000 home, that could mean an estimated tax bill increase of about \$40.

Selectmen held the line on the municipal appropriation, which shows an increase of only about \$200.

But an estimated \$85,000 increase in school costs (to \$975,000), coupled with a \$30,000 decline in revenue, would require an approximate \$100,000 increase in funds to be raised from taxes (\$1.7 million).

Elected officials
This year, for the first time under a new procedural format, residents will vote for selectmen and school directors. As a result of a vote at last year's Town Meeting, candi-

dates for offices had the option of taking out nomination papers and gathering a minimum of 61 signatures.

The new procedure, said Town Manager Vern Maxfield, provides an opportunity for candidates to become more familiar to voters ahead of the Town Meeting.

However, voters still keep the option of nominating other candidates from the floor.

Taking out papers for this year were two incumbents, selectman Ron Deegan and School Director Julie Davis.

Also taking out papers for Davis' seat was Steve Bies, a former selectman.

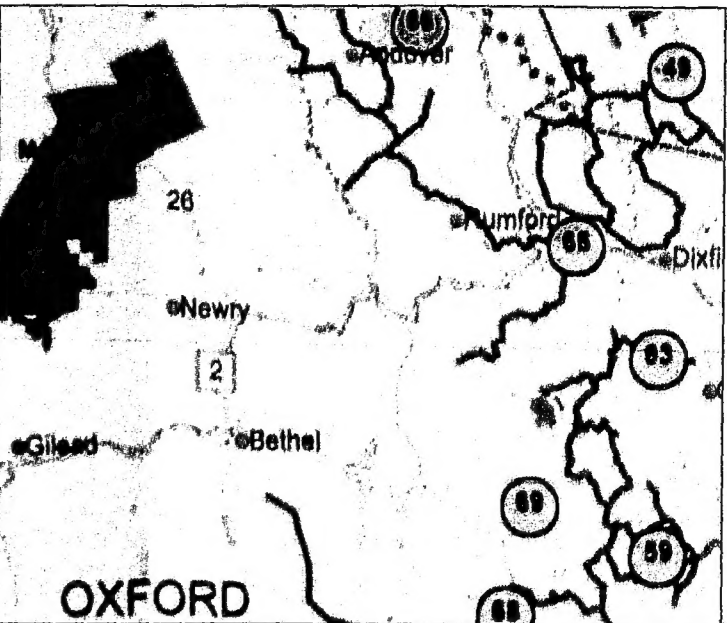
Both positions are three-year terms.

Other positions up for reelection (no nomination papers needed) are Whitman Memorial Library Trustees Martha Clements and Jane Mills.

Monday's meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School.

ATV Map

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A FEW TRAILS LEAD TOWARD BETHEL on the state's latest map, but none arrive here. (Photo: M. Daniels)

He is currently distributing copies of the map in this area.

The map does not show all the trails in the state, he said, but acts in the manner of an on-line gateway.

"It shows where people can go four-wheeling, but it doesn't show all the trails," he said. "We want to give people an idea of what there is out there to ride."

For more detailed information on a given area, the map provides contacts, including websites and e-mail addresses, for local clubs.

Good news
Brian Bronson is ATV Coordinator for the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands' ATV Program, which published the latest map.

"The good news," Bronson said, "is that the map continues to expand in detail every year as the state's trail system and the number of clubs continue to grow."

Maine now has 6,000 miles of trails," Bronson said, "as well as the longest interconnected ATV system in the nation."

That section, of approximately 2,300 miles, runs from Washington County to the top of Aroostook County.

"For the first time you can go from Machias to Fort Kent," Bronson said.

He estimated such a trip would take about a week.

Bad news
But the bad news, said Worthley, is that not many of those trails and clubs can be found in the Bethel area.

"We have a hard time getting over to Bethel," he said. "Most of the landowners — and I hate to say it — are tree huggers over there, and don't want ATVs on their land."

"We do have a trail as far as the Newry town line, but we can't go any farther."

The BP&L's Bronson concedes that lack of access is a problem in some parts of the state.

"Clearly some areas of the state have more trails than others, but we are making headway across the state," he told The Citizen.

Worthley said his club is working to that in this area.

The first step, he said, would be to connect from the Newry line to the Branch Road, so riders could pick up the trail system there.

The club is also sponsoring an ATV safety course, April 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Roxbury Town Hall.

For more information, or to register, call him at 545-2715.

But for now, he urges ATV riders: "Respect landowners, and stay off the trails."

The Roxbury club has 380 members, including several from the Bethel area, as well as 45 business sponsors.

Parents of WES pupils share their passion

By ALISON ALOISIO

In the event SAD44 decides to close the Woodstock School in 2011, and the town decides to shoulder the burden of keeping it open, how would the annual bill, an estimated \$425,000, be paid?

Last week some 60 people took up that question at a specially-called meeting of PTA, selectmen, and school directors.

Parents said their first choice was to convince the School Board to maintain district funding for WES. But the PTA group also said they should consider the options if SAD44 declined.

If that happened, some favored using an estimated \$400,000 increase in tax revenue from a new wind power project to fund WES. (See related article.)

Others pointed out that Greenwood could contribute to the effort.

That town currently sends about half of its approximately three dozen elementary pupils to WES. (The rest go to CPS in Bethel.)

WES serves a total of 82 pu-

pils. Greenwood resident and parent Jesper Kruse said it was only fair for his town to pay its share.

"Everyone is going to have to chip in," he said.

Town managers Vern Maxfield and Kim Sparks had already anticipated such a scenario.

Dividing the cost by Greenwood's proportion of pupils, Maxfield said, that town would probably pay between \$65,000 and \$80,000.

But if Greenwood voters chose not to chip in, it's uncertain what recourse, if any, Woodstock would have.

Taxpayer burden
As various ideas for funding were discussed, Maxfield and the selectmen said the parents should keep in mind the financial circumstances of other residents.

If the town received an additional \$400,000 per year in tax revenue from the Patriots Renewable wind project, they said, voters might agree to apply it to school costs.

But on the other hand, Maxfield said, they might instead want to use the money to simply reduce taxes, or fund overdue road improvements.

Hike taxes?
Or the money for WES could come from tax increases.

Several parents said they would be willing to pay higher taxes to keep WES open.

But Selectman Ron Deegan said he had to consider the financial circumstances of other residents.

"I have to think of all the taxpayers," he said, including those on fixed incomes.

Rick Young agreed. "I hope you can convince the rest of the district to keep the school open," he said. "Going from a mill rate of 12 to 16 or 17 mills is a large jump."

Maxfield said many taxpayers would not be willing to take on the extra burden.

Young also raised the prospect of some residents being forced to leave Woodstock if faced with a large tax hike.

Costs of closing
But parents said there was

another side.

There were families who had moved to Woodstock because of the school, they said, and if it were closed, they might leave.

Others said they knew of parents who are already considering sending their children outside of town — to neighboring SAD17 schools.

They said also they were concerned about possible larger class sizes at the Crescent Park Elementary School, where WES pupils would be sent if their school closed.

And perhaps Bethel parents share that concern, they said. WES principal Jolene Littlehale worried about pupil participation in afterschool activities.

Participation at WES is high, she said, but if pupils were re-assigned to the more distant CPS, it might drop.

"I'm worried because of geography," she said.

She said parents had wanted to meet with the selectmen and school directors "to hear our passion. We are very proud of our school."



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

We've set the clocks back, lost an hour's sleep, but gained an hour's daylight. I love the extra daylight. This weekend we welcomed the arrival of spring and spring is certainly a welcomed season. Things are looking up...maybe.

Throughout January and February I have been saying, "Watch out for March!" Every time someone would comment on what a mild winter it's been I would say, "Watch out for March!" When people mentioned that we really haven't had that much snow once we got past the beginning of the year I tell them to "Watch out for March!"

Don't get me wrong; I'm not anti-March or anything like that. It is after all the month that hails the beginning of spring and gets us that much closer to warm days and green grass. But, it's also a month that can turn nasty on us and has a track record of doing just that.

Some of the worst snowstorms to hit Maine have been in the month of March. A few years ago we suffered three snowstorms dropping a foot or more snow during a 10-day period in March and that wasn't the end of it for the month either. I think that was the year snowmobilers were still on the trails in April.

And how about those March winds? They can be absolutely brutal.

Plus, let us not forget that March has no significant national holidays that give us a day off from work. Sure, there is St. Patrick's Day and it's a great celebration for the Irish, but it is not on the list of paid holidays where I work.

"Watch out for March!"

March 22nd is a day that definitely should be a paid holiday, but fails to get any attention at all and that's National Goof Off Day. Though I will probably goof off my fair share on that day, I'll be doing it at work and won't be able to truly goof off as much as I'd like to. Don't mention that to my boss please.

Anyway, I was discussing how we need to "Watch out for March!" because it can be pretty unpredictable with the weather. It can be cold and it can definitely be snowy and, like I said, those March winds can be really brutal.

Then along comes a March like this one. We have had some really mild temperatures and the precipitation has been in the form of rain. We have had wind, but

that's to be expected. What little snow we've had is rapidly melting, which is good because it's so filthy dirty I can't stand to look at it.

With the temperatures climbing up into the 50's I just want to get out and do spring clean-up even though this is not my favorite chore. The warm days just make me feel like that would be a good idea. I want to work in my flower gardens and coax the early bloomers to start doing their thing.

I want to rake the dead brown grass in hopes of encouraging green growth.

Then I remind myself that it is March and March just can't be trusted. The 50+/- degree temperatures can drop to the teens without much warning. The spring rains can turn to sleet and snow when you least expect it. And don't forget, the March winds can be really brutal.

I truly hope I'm wrong and that we will see no more snow falling on brown grass until December. I really hope the temperatures stay mild and go up a few degrees each day and I hope the wind isn't too brutal. I sincerely hope the month continues to be as nice as it has been so far, but the way I see it you should "Watch out for March!" because it just can't be trusted.

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Super Crossword

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, March 23

At 7:40 a.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to Mason Street for a welfare check. The subject was all right.

Monday, March 22

At 1:10 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to the West Bethel Road for a report of a dirt bike riding up and down the road doing wheelies. The bike was located at a business. The officer was told it belonged to a customer and they were testing it out. The subjects were warned to keep it off a public way.

Sunday, March 21

At 1:26 p.m. Officers Jason Goff and Mark Tibbetts observed a male subject in a vehicle on Route 26 with a female subject with whom bail conditions prohibited contact. The male was arrested for violating his conditional release.

Saturday, March 20

At 9:17 p.m. Officer Rusty Daley arrested William M. Craffey, 46, for domestic violence terrorizing on River Valley Acres.

Wednesday, March 17

At 4 p.m. Officer George Gould arrested Chuck Estabrook Jr., 19, at Telstar High School after obtaining statements that he furnished a Schedule Z drug to two minor males on school property, prior to a school function.

Tuesday, March 16

At 6:08 p.m. Officer George Gould took a report of a gold diamond ring that was lost in the area of Route 2 near Rite Aid. Anyone who locates the ring is asked to contact the BPD.

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Andover

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showed that a new, more efficient heating system and other improvements, coupled with returning the Stillman Ave. building to the tax rolls, would save the town \$8,224 a year.

The estimated potential sale price of the building is \$26,513. The additional renovation costs at the Town Hall were estimated at \$30,000, with moving costs \$400.

A blueprint was provided at the meeting to show the proposed distribution of office space.

But many of the 70 voters said that while they generally liked the idea of moving the office, they wanted more time and more information before making a decision.

Leon Akers said he was concerned about fire protection for town records at the old building.

Former town clerk Elaine Morton voiced her concern that in the proposed layout, town office personnel could not see people coming into the building, and in order to go to the records room, they might have to leave the office unattended.

Several asked that a committee study the proposal in more depth.

On another issue related to the Town Hall, voters approved taking up to \$50,000 currently in the Revaluation Account and using it to put a new roof on the Town Hall.

Selectmen will solicit bids, possibly to include metal and shingle options.

Town positions

Residents rejected a proposal to make the town clerk/tax collector an appointed position.

Last year they approved that move for the treasurer's position, reasoning that selectmen could choose from applicants after thoroughly reviewing their qualifications.

But for the clerk/tax collector, "It's such a pivotal position," said Ron Wells, "I think voters should select them."

Others said voters control

the choice indirectly by choosing their selectmen, in part on the basis of whether they trust them to make such decisions.

The proposal was eventually defeated, along with related articles that would have limited the hours of the deputy treasurer and deputy town clerk, and prohibited any town employee from being appointed to those positions.

Med-Care

Voters approved \$14,288 for service from Med-Care Ambulance of Mexico, but only after considerable discussion.

The figure, up from \$12,688 last year, represents an increase of \$2 per capita for the service's operating costs.

Morrow initially recommended defeating the article, citing the step as a means to force Med-Care to work better in partnership with Andover.

Two years ago, after member towns objected to a Med-Care plan to construct a new building without a public vote, the ambulance service withdrew the plan.

But the service is again discussing new quarters, said Wayne Delano, Andover's representative on the Med-Care board.

He said this time they would probably remodel an existing building.

The cost, he said, would likely translate to an increase of \$4 or \$5 per capita in Andover.

"Is an ambulance service worth \$20 a head?" he asked.

Morrow said Med-Care was expected to include provisions in its most recent 10-year agreement that would require a public vote for a new building, if it cost more than a set amount. But that did not happen, she said.

Selectman Keith Farrington said that while he was disappointed in "the lack of response from Med-Care," the service is probably the best buy the town can get.

An amendment was offered to reduce the payment to last year's level.

Delano said Med-Care had

taken in \$330,000 less in revenue last year, and had cut its budget accordingly.

He said he had tried as a board member to keep expenses down.

"I don't think you should cut this. If you want to make a statement about a building, then that's another story," he said.

Delano said if Andover does not favor another building for Med-Care, the town should talk to the service about it now.

The amendment was defeated, and the full amount approved.

AES

Voters turned down an article to raise money to keep the Andover Elementary School open, if the SAD44 School Board decides to close it in 2011 because of budget shortfalls.

Residents said the fate of the school is yet to be determined by the board, and they should wait for more information.

But many also felt the town could not afford the \$250,000 a year that would be needed to keep AES operating.

"I love the Andover school, but I don't think we can afford it," said Elissa Thibodeau.

Rob Dixon saw a bleak future without the school. "It's the end of this town," he said. "Life as we know it is done, period."

Road work

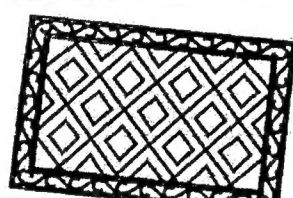
Voters approved borrowing up to \$500,000 for road work.

Road Commissioner Marshall Meisner provided a prioritized list of road projects and their costs. The list included: \$113,000 for chip sealing 3.8 miles of the East Andover Road, and \$60,000 to overlay another half mile of the same road; \$104,000 to chip seal 3.5 miles of the Upton Road; \$74,000 to chip seal 2.5 miles of the South Arm Road, and \$33,000 to overlay another .6 miles of the same road; and \$56,000 to overlay .5 miles of the covered Bridge Road.

The municipal budget approvals at Saturday's seven-hour meeting totaled \$520,432, down \$52,588 from last year. The school and county shares are not included.

"Just because the appropriation was down doesn't mean that taxes will not be going up," Morrow said Monday. "We needed to make more cuts if taxpayers were wanting to keep taxes on par with last year. Looking at creative ways to reduce spending will still need to be a goal for 2010 and 2011. With the loss of Ethan Allen property tax revenue, we will be applying for a state program that helps towns that lose a big taxpayer like a mill or large business. Hopefully this will help."

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Gilead

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be scheduled later to approve an amount to cover payment of loan funds.

If all the road projects are approved, the mil rate could increase to 18 mils, from the current 17.3, she said.

If all the other money articles are approved on the 42-article warrant, Gilead would raise \$268,831 from taxes, Chapman said.

That figure does not include school funding (figures are not yet available), or the amount to be borrowed for any road work that is approved, she

said.

Last year's Town Meeting raised \$272,936, Chapman said, but a special Town Meeting took place later to raise an additional \$18,000 for the transfer station.

Townpeople will also consider a change in pay allocation for the chairman of the selectboard and the administrative assistant.

If approved, the chairman's pay would drop to \$3,000 a year from \$4,100, while the administrative assistant's pay would increase to \$4,000 a

year, from \$3,500.

The selectmen recommend the change.

Other articles

In addition to the selectman vote (a three-year term), Bethany Corriveau's seat (three years) on the School Committee is also up for a vote.

Voters will also consider an updated Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

(Note: Chapman is selectman Stephen McLain's sister.)

Bethel

by Nancy Brown



Bethel Bicycle is now open from noon until 5 p.m. every day except

Sunday. The full-service bicycle shop, which opened in the summer of 2009, is owned by Peter Southam, who is the mountain biking and cycling coach at Gould Academy.

Corey Swan, a shop employee, told me that the store sells all kinds of bicycles, from racing bicycles to old bikes, as well as offering repair, maintenance, and spring tune-up services. In addition, the shop rents bikes and sells both clothing and bicycle accessories.

Starting this spring the shop will carry skateboards, including wheels, replacement bearings, and grip tape, as well as decks. This will help support all the exciting work that has been done at the new skate park. Bethel Bicycle is located at 53 Mayville Road (Route 2) and the phone number is 824-0100. Parking is at the rear of the building.

The Bethel Library has set up a Memorial Fund for Jim Lowe, past library president and dedicated trustee. All donations will go toward books, CDs and DVDs that Jim would have loved. The library thanks the following people for their donations: Marvin and Trijntje Ouwinga, Nina Mollicone, Ron and Gete Kendall, Charles and Cathy Newell, James and Rosemary McLean, Rebecca Kendall, and Caroline Gould. The library also thanks George Gibson for his generous donation toward a new computer for the front desk.

Donations for the Memorial Fund for Jim Lowe may be sent to the Bethel Library, P.O. Box 130, Bethel, ME 04217.

Donna Brooks, Karen Rosenberg, and Eleanor Brooks traveled to Lincoln, Pennsylvania, recently to attend a tennis

tournament between Chowan University of Murfreesboro, NC, and Lincoln State University. Donna's daughter, Tara Lunney, is currently a junior at Chowan and plays on the tennis team. She won both her singles and doubles matches that day. Tara was also inducted into the Tri-Beta National Honor Society this past week.

Muriel Butters returned to her winter home in Zephyrhills, Florida, this week after visiting her sons Tony Butters and Tim Brooks and their families in California.

A few months ago one of the blue mail boxes in front of the Bethel Post Office was removed by the postal service. The remaining box, which was originally for local mail only, is marked Bethel.

Some readers asked me to find out if all mail can be put into this box. A postal employee explained to me that the other box was removed because it was in poor condition and was scheduled for replacement, which hasn't happened yet. Until that time, all outgoing mail may be placed in the box marked Bethel.

Do you have news? Send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call 824-2483.

East Bethel

by Wally Ritz



Seems like another week just kind of flew right by us. Could it be that early

spring in the air?

Ever since I moved here 24 years ago this is the first time I have ever seen folks raking their yards in March. Yet, as every year, I still have to wait it out some more and be patient. I still have quite a bit of snow in my yard. Thus I cannot help but wonder if elves arrive in the middle of the night, bring all the neighborhood snow and leave it in my yard? I bet that got you all laughing

now. Like the whole winter, we can all just guess what this spring or the rest of the year has in store for us. Weather and all things got kind of jumbled up and now late in mentioning as the neighborhood also lost George Olson Jr. All our heartfelt sympathy to the Olson family.

On March 26, again, the Alder River Grange will have their supper at 6 p.m., followed by their meeting at 7 p.m. Both again to take place at Lynn Mason's at the Sudbury Village.

Now on to the next Trivia. We all remember the famous line from "Gone with the Wind"...and frankly, I don't give a damn. So, who made a similar statement concerning a land exchange?

Read the East Bethel book and you will find the answer. I will give another clue to narrow it down next week, if needed.

As always, call 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net with your answers, questions, info or news you want to share.

West Bethel

by Lorrie Hoeh



It looks as if spring is truly here. I picked up my first two beer bottles

of the season Saturday and Monday. The walking on the forest road is getting more difficult, because the frozen snow is very rutted, and the daily melting is creating more and more ice. I have cleats that fit on my shoes, but the ruts make for precarious going all the same.

Mike and I walked up the road of the new development on the Flat Road, Winter Park, on Sunday morning. In addition to spectacular views all around, we saw a number of animal tracks, including what looked mighty like bear tracks. Neighbor Gary Inman says he has seen signs that the bears are indeed emerging from their winter sleeps. Time to pull in the bird feeders at night.

One morning last week Mike saw a pair of geese and heard turkeys gobbling. We saw a couple of deer on Grover Hill across from the Lovejoys' house one morning. And the daffodils and day lily plants are sending up their green shoots where the snow is gone. I still won't be surprised if we get dumped on by some white stuff in the next week or two.

A reminder to members of the Pleasant Valley Grange, this is meeting week. It will be tonight, probably at the home of Ina and Rupert Grover in Mason. When the weather warms up enough that the Grange hall doesn't have to be expensively heated, meetings will once more be held therein until next winter's frigid temperatures return.

We treated ourselves to the Rotary Country Breakfast on

Upton

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School Committee member John Aron's seat is up for a vote for a three-year term. Rector said he did not know of any other candidates.

Money articles

If all money articles on the 26-article warrant are approved, the 2010 municipal appropriation would be \$148,730, compared to 2009's \$165,930.

The total is down somewhat largely because not as much funding is needed for building improvements or for the transfer station this year, Rector said.

The amount to be raised from taxes would be \$53,030, compared to \$56,430 last year.

"I don't expect much change in the mil rate," Rector said.

The current rate is 8.4 mils. The school article amounts are not expected to be known in time for the meeting, Rector said.

Last year \$88,000 was raised from taxes for schools, he said.

New articles this year include a request for \$2,000 for Upton's Sesquicentennial celebration, expected to take

place in August.

The Ladies' Aid group is organizing the event, with plans for a parade and possibly some permanent signs on Route 26 noting Upton's incorporation, Rector said.

Also new is a proposal to provide \$250 scholarships to graduating high school seniors from Upton.

The suggestion was made after residents learned other towns offer similar awards, said Rector.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Schoolhouse building.

Murder

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kansas native, were found near a logging road off of the East B Hill Road, which joins Route 26 near Back Street.

Christian Nielsen, 31, a line cook working in Bethel, was later convicted of murdering Whitehurst and three women, all at the former Black Bear

B&B in Newry, where Nielsen had been staying. Nielsen ultimately pled guilty, was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

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Sunday morning. The blueberry muffins were divine! I had scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home-fries, melon, and coffee, too. And not a dish to wash—what could be better.

We sat at table with Barbara Mahler and Jane Hosterman. They both were enjoying their meal out but had to leave fairly quickly for choir practice. Nearby we saw Beth and Walter Brough and Carol and Walter Hatch. Everyone looked well and as if they were savoring their meals. We also spotted the Norm Putnams, and at another table, Kevin Finley and daughter Caroline, who recently celebrated her tenth birthday.

On a somber note, the Bethel community lost another valued member last week. Bob Davis died peacefully at home with his wife, Polly, by his side. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends, and by the community as well. His many contributions will live on and preserve his memory. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Polly and her children.

Mike and I will be leaving the Hoehstead soon for a new location at the corner of Eden Lane and Paradise Road. It was time to downsize and get closer to the center of town. So we have been busy carting boxes and bags to our new house in anticipation of the big moving day. We'll keep you posted.

For now you can still reach me at dhoe@megalink.net or 836-3011. I do hope you will be in touch and fill me in.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman
The birds have declared that Spring is here! We have had Robins, Evening Grosbeaks, Redwing Blackbirds, Purple

Finches, Grackles and Starlings at the feeder. They arrived at the end of last week. We also saw the first chipmunk of the year. He was out back of the house looking for seeds.

My brother, Steve McLain, also had a chipmunk in his yard looking for seeds. The chipmunk at his place loves to tease the dogs. He is just a little faster than they are and gets away from them by hiding under something or scurrying up a tree.

Hugh and I had an overnight visitor last weekend. Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, came to visit for a couple of hours and decided to stay overnight. She is a very nice overnight guest, even though she keeps Grampa quite busy. He is in charge of chocolate milk and snacks.

Hugh and I went to Bethel last Saturday to shop. While we were in the store, we saw Libby Bane. It was nice to visit with her for awhile. We also ran into Steve Seames. Steve is a member of the Gilead Historical Society, so we filled him in on the meeting we had with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

Steve and Lise McLain went out to eat at Mr. Pizza in Gorham last Sunday to celebrate her birthday.

Gilead Historical Society
The Gilead Schoolhouse Project Committee held a meeting last Friday with two people from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission: Christi Mitchell, National Register Coordinator and Kirk Mohny, Assistant Director. They came to see what the GHS has been doing with the Gilead Schoolhouse.

We are hoping to get it onto the Historic Register and they gave us some good ideas on what we need to do to make that happen. Those present from the GHS were: Steve McLain (President), Mary Tyler (Vice President), Hugh Chapman (Secretary/Curator), Norm Buttrick (Trustee), Tammy MacDormand (Trustee), Bob Bishop (Treasurer)



PROSTATE HEALTH—Bob and Mary Beane, Standish, presented an informative program recently about prostate health, emphasizing cancer awareness, the importance of early detection, and numerous resources available. There are 15 communities in Maine where one or more prostate cancer support groups are held and plans are being explored to hold one in Bethel. Anyone interested in more information may call Bob Beane at 749-1857. The program was presented by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Shown above discussing the program are Jan Stowell, Mary Beane, Bob Beane and Jane Hosterman.

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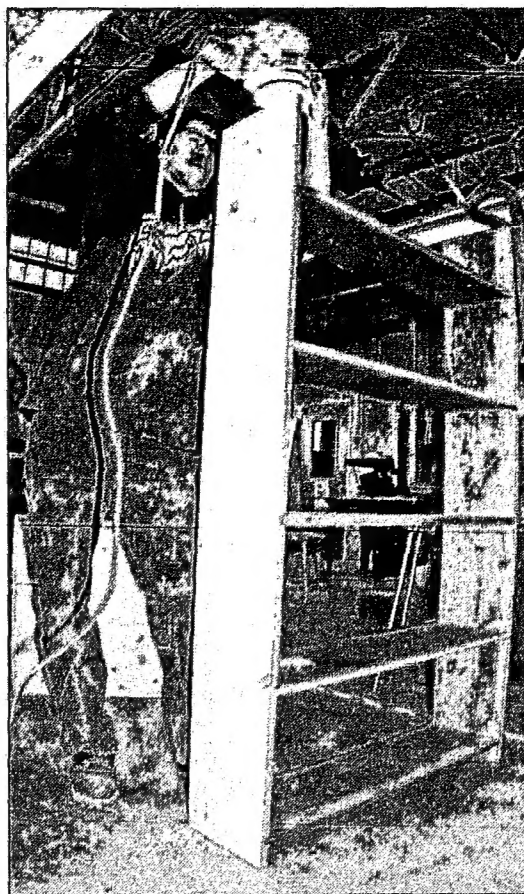


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Mason



by Richard Grover
This year I decided to engage in "something different," so I de-

cided to sign on with the Census Bureau. I thought it might be an interesting experience.

To this point, it has indeed been interesting. I spent the better part of four days in training last week with about 18 other applicants. Most of the first day was spent in filling out government forms and getting briefed on what was expected of us and the importance of protecting citizens' privacy, especially their responses to the questions on the census questionnaires.

After that, we moved on to interview techniques and how to fill out the questionnaires for different situations. By Friday, we were given four hours in which to locate some of our assigned addresses and to interview residents of as many as we could before returning to our training classroom for de-briefing that af-

ternoon. Mostly, we learned that the information provided by the Boston office did not include all of the information we needed to compare addresses we were assigned with map locations. As I write this our crew leaders are attempting to clarify the situation and simplify the census tasks for our assigned places. It seems like a typical government muddle!

As of Monday evening this week, Mona has completed the screening procedure she needed and is scheduled for surgery early tomorrow morning. To this point, all indications are that hers will be a routine procedure. We are all expecting and hoping for a simple and successful experience!

About three weeks ago I discovered that many of my tall and rather slender pine trees were dying. These were tall trees with few branches, except for a crown of living green near the tops. Apparently, when I harvested the larger trees, I left many that were too naked to grow properly. I have read that trees need to have a root system and growing green tops that are balanced in their ability to provide the correct nourishment to their stems. I think some were also too weak to ward off the pine blister beetles. At any rate, I decided to hurry and harvest a couple truckloads of pine logs before



SUPPORT FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS—William Curtis, left, a sophomore at Telstar High School, did his part to help his dad, Al Jr., who is currently in treatment for cancer. With help from his woodworking teacher, Tim O'Connor, William built a bookcase that was raffled off Saturday night at a benefit supper/event for Al. The supper took place at the Locke Mills Legion Hall, and raised more than \$9,000. The bookcase brought in more than \$70. Curtis, who said he deeply appreciated the support, is pictured above at the event.

the snow melted too much and mud season arrived. The last few logs left bigger mud ruts than I like to make, but I finally smoothed out the ruts my tractor and Chadbourne's log truck left in the lawn across from our mail box. Live and learn.

This has also been one of the best maple syrup years I can remember. I had a good run and made all the syrup we wanted in just over a week's time (about 24 quarts).

This was especially gratifying considering I was busy logging, and Mona was dealing with Jim's illness and her own medical issues at the same time. She has the syrup canning process down to a pretty efficient system.

Upton



by Laurie Brown
Town Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday.

The days are getting longer and warmer, but Upton still has snow covered ground most places.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Jim and Wilma Rector's home on East B Hill. It'll begin at 6:30 a.m. and will be

followed by a buffet breakfast at the Ladies Aid Building. The breakfast which will be free of charge, will be served until 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

While we were working last Friday, a moose walked past Joe's house, up the right-of-way, up one of our rock steps, then around our cabin into the woods. Maybe he was disappointed that we weren't home to invite him in, but I'm sure our dogs gave him acknowledgement that his presence was known. The next morning, I took pictures of him sauntering back toward the Bernier's.

Heartfelt sympathies are extended to the family of Lonny Calden who died at his home in Magalloway last Thursday.

All I know about the investigation into Kelly Winslow's death is what I've read in the paper ... she was 30 years old, lived in Limington, and her body was found near a residence on Back Street, in Upton. It's no longer "breaking news", especially since this edition won't be "out" for a week after she was reported missing by her husband, but for those who save their newspapers, or live out of town, it'll be appreciated. I am sad for her family and loved ones.

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New members are joining all the time, bringing new ideas, new talents and new interests into the organization.

Happy Spring. Selah

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

The Hanover board of select persons met March 16 for their monthly

meeting. Two Hanover residents asked if there was any way to regulate truck traffic on the Howard Pond Road, particularly during the winter when the road tends to be icy. They also heard a report from US Census representative Deana Bennett about

recruiting census workers to visit some buildings in the area.

Discussed at the meeting were the Planning Board's attempts to learn more about the wind power issues. Financial reports were discussed. Four people other than town officials attended the meeting.

Census testing at the Hanover Town Office continues each Thursday at 6 p.m. It has been announced that anyone passing the test will get a coupon for a free order of French fries at Gordie Howe's Store.

The 2010 Hanover Assessors' meeting will be Saturday, March 27 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. This is the meeting where taxpayers who have questions about their property valuations can meet with the officials for discussion. If you cannot be at the meeting send a letter to the Hanover Assessors, PO Box 70, Hanover ME 04237 before April 1.

The Rumford Point Community Athletic Association will have an organizational meeting at the Hanover Town Office on Sunday, March 28 at 6

p.m. Signups for ball players will be at the Hanover Town Office Tuesday, April 6 from 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 8 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m..

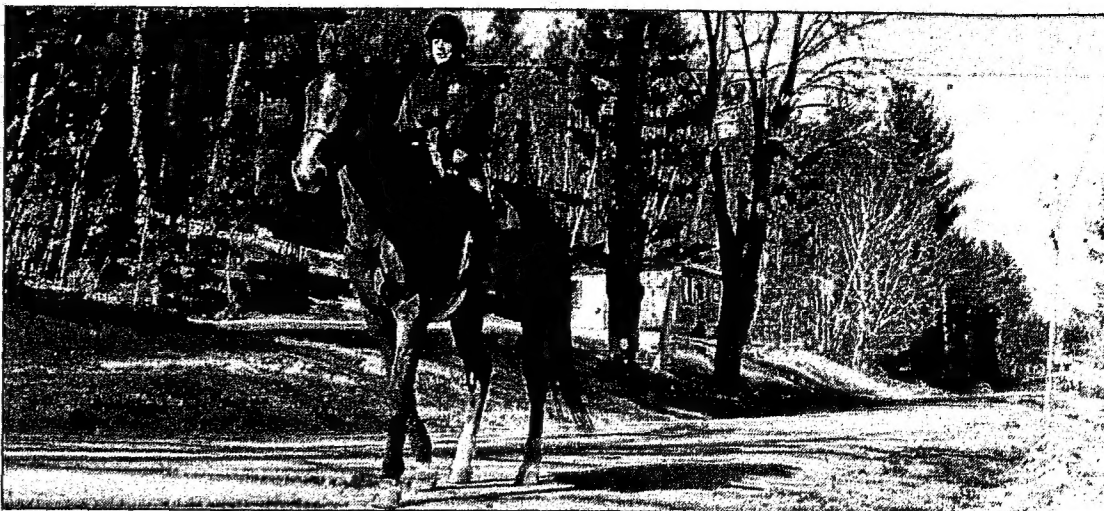
Juliette Worcester was born Friday, March 19 at Maine Medical Center in Portland. She is the first child of Brad and Amanda Worcester and also the first granddaughter of Bill and Gail Worcester. They are all excited.

The Rumford Grange met Saturday, March 20 at the home of Butch and Vicki Clark. It was decided to resume those famous Grange dinners at the Rumford Center Grange Hall on May 16. We will tell you more about it when that time is closer. In the meantime you can mark it on your calendar as starting at noon.

It has been reported to us that the bear is back. Several sightings have occurred in the Hanover Village area. Now is the time to take in your bird feeders and keep the garbage and pet food inside.

Local members of the Knights of Pythias attended the John F. Burton Memorial Bowling Tournament in Brewer last Sunday.

Weekend guests of Donna and Clem Worcester were Brian and Sara Worcester and children Kaylynn, Shawnee and Makala.



RULES FOR SHARING THE ROAD—Celia Broomhall of Gilead and her horse, Calvin, are asking drivers to be cautious when approaching horses and riders on roadways. She said many horses are afraid of vehicles. "No matter how experienced the rider is or even if we consider a horse 'bomb proof,' horses can be unpredictable," she said. "Horses are a flight animal, and cannot reason about a perceived danger, they just think they need to flee from it." Of particular concern are drivers who speed up and/or beep their horns when passing horses. "Most horses get upset," said Broomhall. She said the best approach is to slow down significantly when approaching a horse, and watch for the rider to signal if it's OK to pass. Broomhall and Calvin ride the narrow, curvy Bog Road near their home in order to get to trails during the spring and through the summer. After a bad experience on Route 2, said Broomhall, another horse she owns refuses to ride on roads. While some drivers are considerate, she said, others—particularly visiting drivers along the Bog Road—often drive too fast. Broomhall said she is concerned for all riders, walkers, bicyclists and runners in the area.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington
At the St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Goose Eye Farm, Hannah

Pierce, the daughter of Bruce

and Suzanne and her class of 17 and kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Lynn Newell had a busy time watching maple syrup being processed. While there they gathered chicken eggs and boiled them in maple sap to take home with them.

While talking with Suzanne on Monday, I found out that at 4 p.m. that afternoon Bruce was being sworn in as the new fire chief. He replaces Gary Wight who is now a selectman. Congratulations to both.

The Bear River Trading Post will have fishing gear for the regular Ice Fishing on April 1st. They still have raw milk from Phil Bailey's farm in Andover. From the weather men's report it still isn't too

late for warm weather gear which can be picked up for the family at the BRTP. Coffee, snack food, Beeps treats and Maine Italian sandwiches are also on hand for your enjoyment. Call 824-2327 if you have questions.

Bryant Pond

by Alice Hoyt
Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15

a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening service at

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6. Wednesday evening at 5:30 is youth group and at 6:30 is prayer meeting. On March 31 at 6:30 p.m. is "Remembrance of ME" service. April 4 at 7 a.m. is "He is Risen" service, and breakfast with regular morning worship at 10:30 a.m. April 7 to 11 is Mission Conference with Brother Robbie Morrison.

Remember March 26 is the last day to take the Census testing at the Woodstock town office at 2 p.m. to hire people from Woodstock for this job.

The job lasts from five to ten weeks starting in April. There is a pre-test on website www.2D10censusjobs.gov. For more information, call (866) 861-2010.

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, April 1 at the fire station. Dinner will be served by the Daughters of Union Veterans, and the program is a speaker from the 4-H camp on the lake.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet on Monday, April 5 for a regular meeting. On Tuesday, April 6, Pomona Grange will meet at Franklin Grange.

The Woodstock Extension met at the town conference room on Wednesday afternoon. Favors for Easter were made for the nursing home.

April's program on Thursday, April 8 at 2 p.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library is guest speaker Kenneth Ruff from the Bryant Pond Fire Dept., speaking on smoke detectors for the hard of hearing.

The public is invited at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Historical Society

For the March meeting of the Historical Society, Cubby Swan spoke on wooden toys he made.

These included Popeye and friends, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Daffy Duck, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, the Big Bad Wolf and the Three Little Pigs, Mr. Peanut, etc. Some toys have as many as sixteen different pieces. Cubby has them all over his house. Society members really enjoyed seeing all the toys and a few puzzles.

Denise and Cubby Swan gave some paper items to the Historical Society.

Curator Larry Billings has the special exhibits planned for the museum for next summer. The museum will also have an ongoing sale of books.

All books will be \$1 each. Larry donated a nice history book to the research library. The sale books were weeded out of the library. A few things they don't need any more.

Andover

by Melinda Averill



Hello Andover Friends. Town Meeting is done for another year.

There were probably about 70 people in attendance, and it went until 5 p.m. We took an hour lunch break to enjoy the soups and chili served downstairs by the service circle. (Helping with the luncheon was high school students, Darren Jodrey, Elek Pew and Izaak Mills)

I don't believe there were any hotly debated articles. I do

find it funny that voters just raise their hands and think nothing of approving monies for the outside charities, when year after year we say if they don't show up to explain their cause, they shouldn't get any funds. (River Valley healthy Communities was represented, along with Western Maine Transportation and Seniors plus.) I guess that's the glory of the system! For those Andover folks that didn't attend-we spent some money. Although I can't blame you for enjoying the nice day out.

The Telstar High School Varsity softball team will be traveling to North Carolina for pre-season play in April.

This is requiring lots of fund-raising. On Saturday there will be spaghetti supper at Telstar from 5-7 p.m. It includes spaghetti with a variety of sauces, garlic bread, salad, drinks and an array of homemade desserts. There will also be a raffle/prize table. Adults \$8, seniors and students \$5, or the entire family for \$20.

Get well wishes to Robert "Bob" Hutchins, who was in the hospital over the weekend. (I'm sure the bus garage is empty without you.)

Don't forget the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 3, in front of Mills Mkt., 9 a.m. sharp, preschool through 6th grade.

With womens' college basketball in full swing this time of year, I thought that you may enjoy the following, sent to me by Lori Hall, who hails from Connecticut, home of the famous UConn womens' basketball. Lori and her husband Jeff Hall and family live in East Andover.

Recently Lori Hall of East Andover, and her high school basketball teammates were recognized by their home town in Connecticut for a significant event that took place 30 years ago.

Lori was part of a girls basketball team that won their state championship in 1980. Her hometown paper, "The

Westerly Sun" was quoted saying, that when "Title IX was passed in 1973, vastly expanding athletic opportunities for women, it took awhile for the public to realize that girls could excel in that arena and were worth watching."

The article continued reporting that Lori's "Coach Paula Solar said her first six Stonington teams (1974-79) did not attract a whole lot of fans, but that changed in 1980, the success of that team did a lot to heighten awareness and respect for women's athletics."

Lori's hometown paper ran a four-day series revisiting

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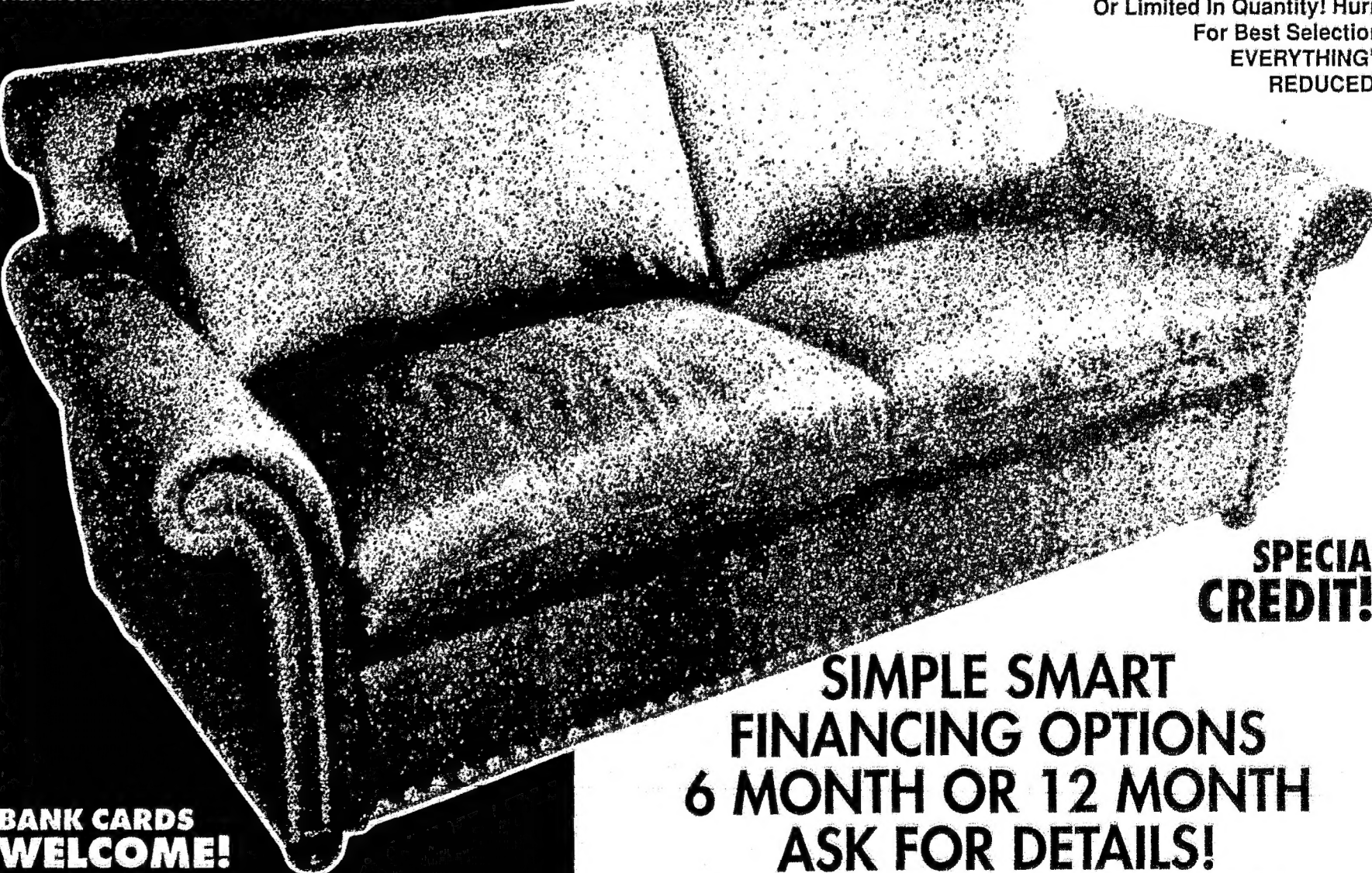
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ing the road to the 1980 State Championship, in which she was described as being "a piece of the puzzle" to complete the team, and described by her coach as "a strong, strong girl," adding that "she could take that little 15-footer, but her offensive put backs — she would just power through. She was an active defensive player and then as a power forward you couldn't stop her; and if you tried to stop her she'd be on the foul line."

Lori's contribution to the sport of girls' basketball earned her the titles of All Eastern Connecticut Conference and first team All-State in 1981.

Lori and a couple of her teammates were in the area this weekend celebrating their 30th anniversary mark in history.

Happy Birthday today, the 25th, to Kasey Smith, 14 years old. Happy Birthday on March 29 to Linda Jodrey, and the 30th to Paula Lee. Enjoy the weekend.

West Paris

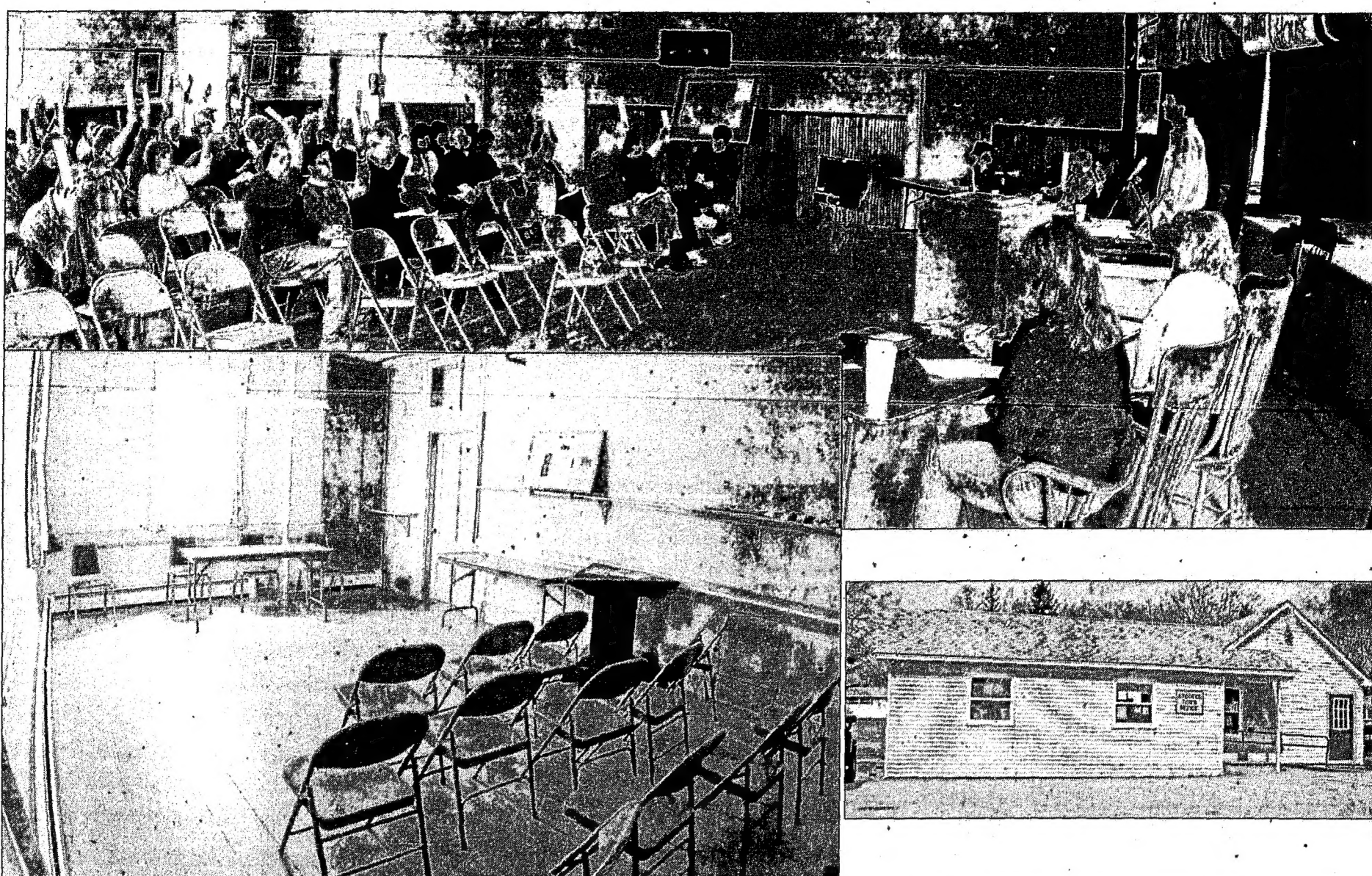


by Joyce Lamb

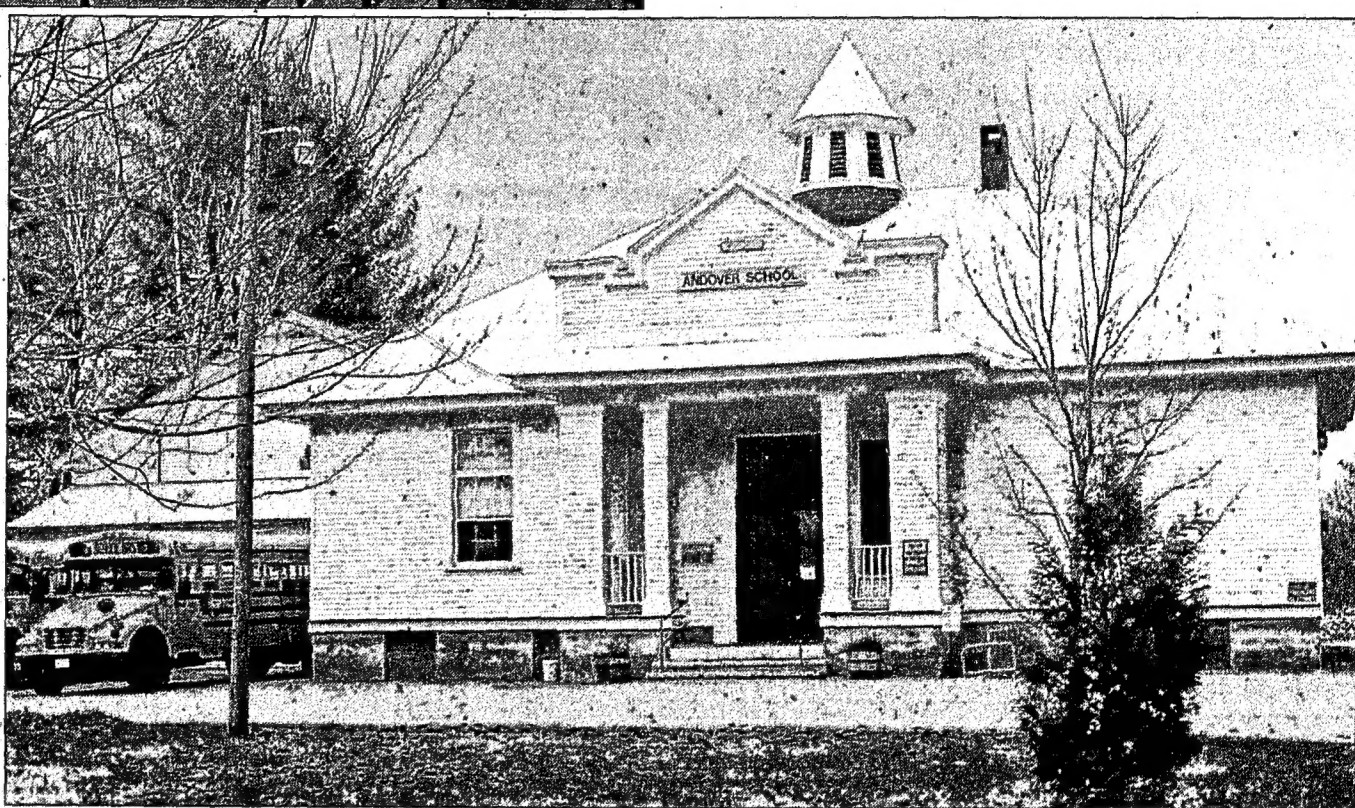
The spring weather is still with us. I expect to wake up one of these mornings to a white world. There is still time for a few more storms before summer. Three crocuses have dared to peek through the snow and soggy leaves.

At the West Paris Universalist Church on Sunday March 28 the Rev. Richard Beal will speak on "Charlotte's Web". It is a Maine story by E.B. White and is listed as a children's book but is for all ages and all shapes and sizes of readers. Rev. Beal is looking for additional levels of meaning than those we might have understood when we were ten or eleven. Jim Burke is organist. A coffee hour follows.

A community pot luck supper will be held on Friday, March 26 at the Church at 6 p.m. There is no charge and all are invited.



THE FUTURE OF SEVERAL ANDOVER BUILDINGS was discussed at Saturday's annual Town Meeting. A proposal calls for moving the Town Office (middle right) to a room in the Town Hall (above) and expanding it into adjacent kitchen space. Selectmen would meet in another room at the back of the building. Top, residents vote in the upstairs meeting room of the hall. They decided to put off a decision on the issue until a committee can study it further. Townspeople also discussed whether to consider raising money to run the Andover Elementary School (right), in the event SAD 44 closes it in 2011 because of budget shortfalls. While many said they wanted to keep the school open, most said they didn't think the town could afford the annual extra cost of \$250,000. (Photos: A. Aloisio)



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Looking ahead, the Easter Sunrise Service will be at MaryAnn Brown's on top of High Street at 6:15. Breakfast follows at the Church. If the weather is bad the service will be held at the Church. All are invited to attend.

At the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond on Thursday, April 8 at 2 p.m. Kenneth Ruff of the Fire Department will be the guest speaker to explain about smoke detectors for the hard of hearing as well as other activities of the fire dept. There is no charge. Light refreshments will be served.

My hearing gets worse as I get older. I am in the process of getting better hearing aids. Hopefully I won't miss so much and can stop asking people to repeat all the time. Muffin is again sitting at my elbow but doesn't have any news to report.

From Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met March 10 at the Methodist Church for their meeting, auction and potluck dinner with 34 members present. President Nancy Mercer conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag. Reports were given by Musa Brown and Arlene Lowell.

The next meeting will be April 14 at the Funky Red Barn. Reservations must be made before April 12 by calling either Nancy at 824-3350 or Arlene at 824-2877. Price of dinner is \$8. The speaker will be Rodney Abbott.

The door prize was won by Luna Akers and the 50/50 raffle by Nancy Mercer.

The auction was a success with \$62 being raised for the club. Nancy Mercer was the auctioneer with Cecile Lescault and Caroline Gould as helpers.

There was a discussion on different scams that some members knew about and told of their experience with them.

March birthdays are: Alberta Angevine, Pauline Davis, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sharon Kaiser and Alta Smith.

From Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Democrats will sponsor a Field Trip to the Statehouse on Tuesday, March 30, during the final days of the session.

The day will feature an insiders' tour of the legislature, starting with coffee in the Visitors Center area at 8:30, visiting the House and Senate sessions, participating in special meetings and issue briefings with state leaders, and having lunch in the cafeteria with Oxford County legislators.

After lunch, trip participants can continue with legislative activities or visit the Maine State Museum, or other Augusta attractions. Directions and parking information will be provided, along with assistance in forming car pools.

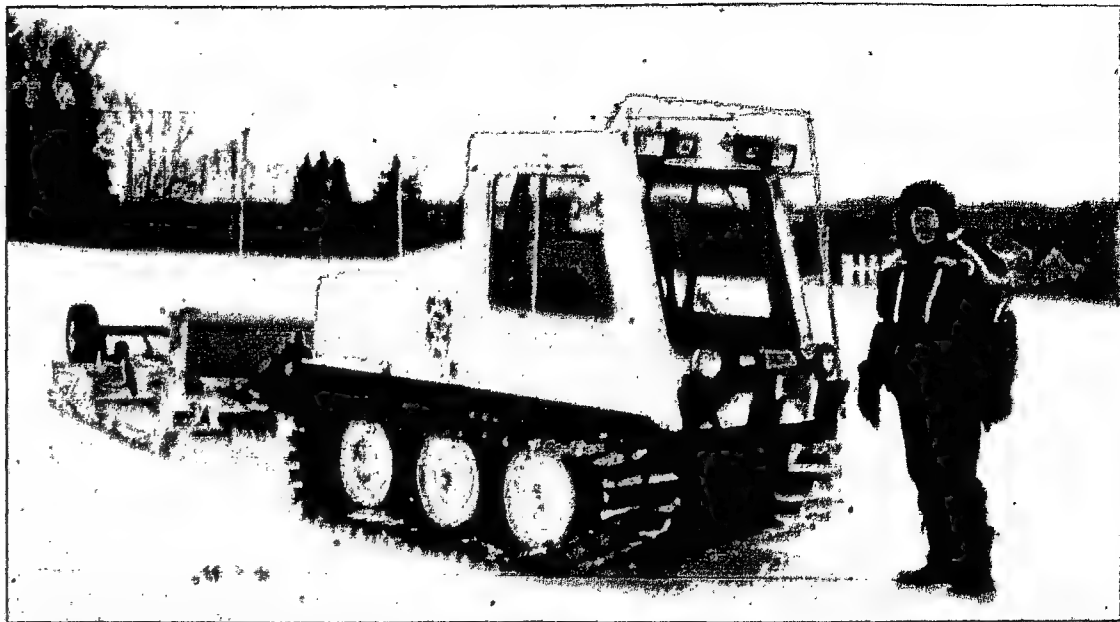
Our previous field trips have been excellent and this one occurring in the final week or 10 days of the session should be as well. Updates regarding the field trip will be posted on the event listing on Facebook, or through the e-newsletter of the Oxford County Demo-

crats, Newell stated. Please RSVP to Oxford County Democratic chair Cathy Newell, at 875-2116 by March 28.

From Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

From Molly Corbin and Molly Pitcher during the American Revolution to the four hundred women who fought in the Civil War passing as men to the founding of the Women's Army Corps in 1942 to the modern woman serving her country today, women have been participating in their nation's defense for well over two centuries. Yet that role has not been given as much attention as the historical record indicates.

Since March is "Women's History Month," the Bethel Historical Society will feature an oral history session, "Women in the Military," on Saturday afternoon, 2-4 p.m. on March 27 in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House. Women who have served in several branches of the military services will be discussing their careers, some extending back to post-World War II.



GROOMER CHARLIE—Charlie Felt of Upton thanks everyone who helped make his night at the Bull Moose Restaurant and Lounge a success. Due to the efforts of Tim and Karen at the Bull Moose, donations and participation in appreciation of Groomer Charlie were bountiful and fun for everyone. For years Charlie has donated his time and equipment to keep the snowmobile trails in Maine and New Hampshire in shape for riders. This picture of Charlie and his equipment, with Umbagog Lake, mountains, and local buildings in the background, was featured on a cake served in his honor on Feb. 10.

The role of women in the military has changed dramatically since the 1940s and this forum is designed to hear firsthand accounts of the challenges women have faced since that time. Any Bethel area women who have served in the military (army, navy, air force, marines, etc.) and are interested in participating in this panel discussion should call the Society office at (207) 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910. The

session is free to anyone interested in attending.

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uments for residents, visitors, students, and scholars. Through its exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the Society makes the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable. In 1974, the Society acquired the former Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which now contains a period house museum, exhibit hall and research library.

"IMPROVISATIONS ON PAPER," an art exhibition by Rick Dennen of Bethel, is now showing at Casco Bay Frames and Gallery in Portland. Dennen lives and paints abstract watercolors in Bethel. Born and raised in Connecticut, he moved to Maine in 1984 to pursue a commercial flying career with Bar Harbor Airlines. His aviation career concluded after 20 years. Retirement created time, space, and opportunity for positive change in his artwork and a subsequent art career, he said. "My work is an ongoing exploration in expanding techniques of application and process. A relaxed attitude toward the materials and application process lends itself to the current concept of going to paper with no intention or expectation." Dennen graduated from Hartwick College with a B.A., with concentrations in two and three dimensional design, hand blown glass, cast bronze, wood, ceramic, and multimedia sculpture. Painting, specifically watercolors, was not in his repertoire until he found that his paper, pigments and pens could fit and travel easily in his flight bag. His work he said, can serve as "a great design for your skis, snow board, wind surfer, or surf board." Visit the website at <http://www.rickdennen.com/>. Exhibit hours are Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 295 Forest Avenue in the Hannaford Plaza (Exit 6B off I-295.) For more information call (877) 774-8100 or email cox@cascobayframes.com. Details are also available at www.cascobayframes.com/ gallery. An artist's opening reception will be featured on Portland Maine's First Friday, April 2, from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Active in the Bethel area, Dennen has taught skiing, snowboarding, and telemark skiing at both Mt. Abram and Sunday River ski areas. He continues to teach watercolors as a volunteer to the students at the Bethel Montessori School.

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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - **Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Mondays, **Tops program** in Andover at First Congregational Church. Weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., meetings 6 to 6:30 p.m. Annual Tops membership: \$26. FMI: Tina (557-8804) or Sharon (392-4351).

Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - **Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families** (ACOA or ACA) group meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons). All welcome. FMI call 743-0583.

Tuesdays 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. thru May - **Family Playtime** at Norway Memorial Library for parents/caregivers and children thru 4. Drop-in program. FMI: 743-5308.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris on Sept. 2.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

7 p.m. - **Bethel Snow Twisters**, 208 Walkers Mills Road, meetings First Sunday, thru April.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. - **Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

6 p.m. on 3rd Thursday monthly - **Support Group for Parents of disabled children** at Crescent Park School. FMI: call Tabatha Steward at 836-2055.

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable homeownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

U.S. Census Bureau testing for spring work (\$14.50/hr., 55 cents/mile: Mondays: 10:30 a.m. at Crescent Park School in Bethel; 1 p.m. Newry Town Office; 6 p.m. Telstar High School, Room 113. Tuesdays: 9 a.m. Upton Town Office (by appointment); 2 p.m. old Andover Town Hall, Elm Street; 6 p.m. at University College Rumford/Mexico, 13 Brown Street, Mexico. Wednesdays: 10 a.m. Roxbury Town Hall; and 1 p.m. Rumford Town Hall upstairs auditorium; 6 p.m. Bethel Library. Thursdays: 11 a.m. Lincoln Plantation Town Office, Route 16 (by appointment) and 6 p.m. Hanover Town Office. FMI: (866)-861-2010 or visit www.2010census.gov for exact dates.

Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell, now showing Tree of Life collection by Harvest Gold artist Lynda Rasco-Rudd

Earrings — pendants, rings, charms, bracelets, FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com.

Wednesdays thru Lent

Noon to 1 p.m. - **Community Lenten Luncheon Series** at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. All invited to join in fellowship around the table enjoying a soup lunch. After lunch: meditation focusing on "The Saints of the Church." FMI: 824-2689 or call the Rev. Virginia Rickeman (824-0550).

Thru Monday, April 19

6:15 to 7:45 a.m. and 2:30 to 7 p.m. - **Winter into Spring Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days** — at Telstar High School sponsored by River Valley Healthy Communities. Walk with a friend or colleague. Pass in record sheets at end of 100 days. FMI, registration materials and more details: call Carol Emery (364-7408) or e-mail rvhcc@gwi.net.

March 25

6 to 8 p.m. - **Living Gluten Free Seminar** (session one of two) by Suzanne Dunham for SAD17, Adult Education at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Culinary Arts Kitchen, Room B105. Handouts included. Fee: \$10 each session or \$18 for both (credit cards accepted). FMI or to register: 743-8842, press 1. Call Suzanne Dunham (665-2967, e-mail dunhamfarm@msn.com or visit www.dunhamfarmstead.com) for detailed information.

7 p.m. - **Upton Town Meeting**.

Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26

9 to 5 p.m. - **Daffodils to benefit American Cancer Society** will be on sale at Bethel Foodliner. Bouquets of 10 daffodils \$10. FMI: call Caroline Gould 824-3226.

Friday, March 26

6 p.m. - **Community Potluck Supper** at First Universalist Church, West Paris. No charge; just bring dish to share.

7 p.m. - **Norway Open Mic Night** at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up begins 6:30 p.m. \$3 donation at door; refreshments available. FMI: 743-2828 or e-mail vesselrecordings@yahoo.com.

Saturday, March 27

Maine Handicapped Skiing at Sunday River and Wilderness House XC Ski Center. FMI or to register your team: 824-2440 or visit www.skimhs.org.

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. - **American Girl Tea Party** at McLaughlin Garden, 97 Main Street, South Paris. Pre-registration required. \$10 members, \$12 nonmembers. FMI: 743-8820.

2 to 4 p.m. - **"Women in the Military,"** a panel discussion by area women who served in the military in celebration of Women's History Month at Dr. Moses Mason House, Bethel Historical Society. Free. FMI or to participate: 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

3 p.m. - **Easter Egg Hunt** at Waterford Memorial Library. All young people welcome.

5 to 7 p.m. - **Spaghetti Supper** at Telstar cafeteria (spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, drinks, homemade desserts). Raffle table. Seniors \$5 (call if ride needed), students \$5, adults \$8, entire family \$20. Fundraiser for Telstar Lady Rebels softball team's trip to North Carolina. FMI: 824-3810.

7 p.m. - **Gilead Town Meeting**.

Sunday, March 28

Community Free Ski Day for SAD44 residents at Sunday River Ski Resort, plus free skiing and riding, free rentals, free First Experience Learn to Ski and Ride clinics available for ages 15 and up (pre-registration required), 50 percent discount at food and beverage outlets. Proof of residency needed by driver's license, tax bill or document showing address.

All day - **20th annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff and Firefighters Race** at Sunday River. Place: White Cap Lodge. Benefit for Maine Handicapped Skiing.

3:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats** meeting at Crescent Park School, Bethel. Included will be hearing on Democratic

Party Platform. FMI: Cathy Newell (875-2116).

Mondays, March 29 thru April 26

7 to 8:30 p.m. - **Waltz, Jitterbug, Foxtrot, Rumba, Tango and Polka** taught by Nancy Willard at Locke Mills Legion Hall. Price: \$25 pp. Singles welcome. Register first class. FMI: Nanpy 665-2788.

Wednesday, March 31

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - **SeniorsPlus FarmShare Program**, what it is, how it can benefit you, where to apply, and local participating farms, at Rumford Community Center, 50 Congress Street. FMI: visit www.seniorsplus.org, call 795-4010 or (800) 427-1241. Free and open to public.

4 p.m. - **"Enjoy Nature's Colors,"** by Janet Conner, J. Conner Hooked Rugs at McLaughlin Garden, 97 Main Street, South Paris (snow date April 7). Free. FMI: 743-8820.

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater** presents Shoebox Tour America 2010, contemporary juggling. Tickets: \$11 all seats. FMI or tickets: 336-3306 (box office).

Thursday, April 1

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus FarmShare Program**, what it is, how it can benefit you, where to apply, and local participating farms, at Bethel House Senior Housing, 56 Main Street, Bethel. FMI: visit www.seniorsplus.org, call 795-4010 or (800) 427-1241. Free and open to public.

6 to 8 p.m. - **Living Gluten Free Cooking Session** by Suzanne Dunham for SAD17 Adults Education at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Culinary Arts Kitchen, Room B105. Recipes included. Fee: \$10 if not registered in first session. FMI or to register: 743-8842, press 1. Call Suzanne Dunham (665-2967, e-mail dunhamfarm@msn.com or visit www.dunhamfarmstead.com) for detailed information.

Friday, April 2

7 p.m. - **Isaiah's 5th birthday benefit for Haiti House of Blessings Orphanage** performance by Stream Reggae at The Bethel Inn Conference Center. Doors open 6 p.m. \$10 donation, children 12 and under free. All proceeds to orphanage. FMI: Traci McKellar-Connelly 381-6075.

Saturday, April 3

9 a.m. to noon - **Car Wash/Bottle Drive** at SAD44 bus garage. Fundraiser for Telstar Lady Rebels' softball team's trip to North Carolina. Drop bottles off same time; if bottle pick-up needed, call 824-3810.

9 a.m. - **Easter Egg Hunt** in Andover takes place front of Mills Market for preschool thru sixth grade.

Sunday, April 4

6:15 a.m. - **Sunrise Easter Service** at Locke Mills Union Church followed by Easter Breakfast 6:45. Regular Church Service 9 a.m. with Pastor Sondra Withey. Everyone invited.

Monday, April 5

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Café** at Waterford Library. Theme for meeting: "The Internet: Pros and Cons." FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Wednesday, April 7

7 p.m. - **Gems and Minerals of Maine/New Hampshire**, with Jim Mann of Mt. Mann Jewelers at Shelburne, N.H., Town Hall. Presentation by Mahoosuc Land Trust (824-3806), e-mail info@Mahoosuc.org, or www.Mahoosuc.org.

7 p.m. - **Greenwood Historical Society** meeting at Historical building on Main Street, Locke Mills. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, April 8

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond: Kenneth Ruff will explain smoke detectors for the hard of hearing and other activities of the Bryant Pond Fire Department. No charge and light refreshments.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. Tel: 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Upton Library: Tuesday 1-4 (Storyhour 1-2); Saturday 9-noon.

Items for the Community Calendar

may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, E-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426

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Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 am. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 6 pm. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday

School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9

a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry: Interdenominational worship with the Rev. Don Coverdale every Sunday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at White Cap, on the second floor. For more information, 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tynar. 874-2968. Singersperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-8782 for more info.

First Baptist Church of Paris

- On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. **Our Lady of Ransom:** Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave.. The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 4 pm; Sunday Mass, 9:30 am; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m..

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins. Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI.

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Help for Haiti



The second- and third-graders in Jolene Perry's class at the Andover Elementary School recently collected \$42 (Perry matched the amount) to send to help earthquake victims in Haiti. The pupils are pictured here with posters they put up around AES to help with fundraising. The money was sent to the organization Journeys of the Heart, accompanied by the following letter: "After the series of earthquakes in Haiti that killed and injured so many people, my students and I wanted to help the children there in some way. Together, we searched the Internet and found your site. My students were especially concerned with the little ones who were orphaned in Haiti. One of our students has been adopted from China, and she suggested we raise money to help other children to get adopted. Everyone agreed! We set up a collection box in the school office. Our school, Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, is one of the smallest left in Maine, with a total of 30 students. I have nine students in my second and third grade combined classroom. This area of Maine is very depressed, as the last surviving wood products mill has just recently closed, leaving families without incomes, and forcing others to leave the area. Our students emptied piggybanks and asked family members and friends to help. It is with great pride that we send you this check for \$82 on behalf of Andover Elementary School. We hope it will help in some way."



The youth at West Parish Congregational Church, UCC wanted to do something for the people of Haiti after learning about the devastating earthquake. They felt a particular connection to Haiti when they learned that a member of the church, Becky Chandler, (daughter of Jim and Jane Chandler of Woodstock) is working in Haiti with International Rescue Service. They decided to sponsor a drive to make Hygiene Kits to be distributed through Church World Service. Lists of needed items and collection boxes were placed at church and in the community. They also wanted to raise money to complete kits and to cover shipping costs. The group decided to have an overnight "Haiti-a-Thon" at church. An evening was planned to learn more about Haiti and experience a bit of what life is like for the children of Haiti. They shared a simple meal of rice and beans, had a limited amount of water to use for cooking and drinking, and constructed tarp shelters. Forty-four Hygiene Kits were assembled that evening, and the group plans to have 60 completed to send to CWS. Overnight participants were Marta Opie, Caroline Finley, Carla Boyle-Wight, Katelyn Brown, Gaelan Boyle-Wight. Thanks to Eileen Opie for organizing the evening and to Diane York. High school students Nick Kingsbury and Simon Smith helped with cooking to shelter engineering.



A small group of students from Crescent Park School, led by Emily Brownstein, organized and volunteered for a bake sale at the Shop and Save in Bethel on Feb. 27. After deciding that it would go to Haiti, students thought that a bake sale would raise a lot of money in a short amount of time. The Red Cross will receive \$222.25 to go to the Haiti Relief Fund. Students include: Matthew Bennett, Emily Brownstein, Luke Davis, Joshua Eliot, Sabrina LeClerck, and Abby Marshall.

School Lunch

Week of March 29

Telstar Lunches

Monday: Chili, chips, corn, pizza choice, hot sandwich choice.
Tuesday: Hot sandwich bar. Choices: pulled pork, meatball sub, Rib-B-Q, pizza choice, hot sandwich choice.
Wednesday: Pasta bar, garlic bread, pizza choice, hot sandwich choice.
Fruit and vegetable bar available daily. Four servings of fruits and vegetables available.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Chicken patty/bun w/lettuce, tomato or PB&J uncrustables, fruit choices, spicy potato wedges.
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe/bun or ham and cheese sandwich or PB&J sandwich.
Wednesday: Maxx pizza sticks w/dipping sauce or PB&J sandwich, fruit and veggie choice, birthday cake.
Thursday: PB&J uncrustables.
Friday: PB&J fluff.
Fruit and veggie bar daily (4 servings of fruit and vegetables).

Sports

Gould Boys' Skiing

Freestyle: Junior Olympics at Waterville Valley, March 12. Men's Slopestyle: 24. Sam Parker. Men's Moguls: 10. Troy Murphy. 16. Blake Wilson.

Mount Snow Freeskiing Open, March 20 Men's Amateur Division Slopestyle: 3. Sam Parker

Gould Girls' Skiing

Alpine: Shawnee Spring Slalom at Shawnee Peak, March 21. 1. Meghan Costello. 2. Isabelle Kannegieser. 4. Sarah Morse. 7. Ella Dorval Hall. 12. Stefanie Casella.

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SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1.

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Strafford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 744-4091 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

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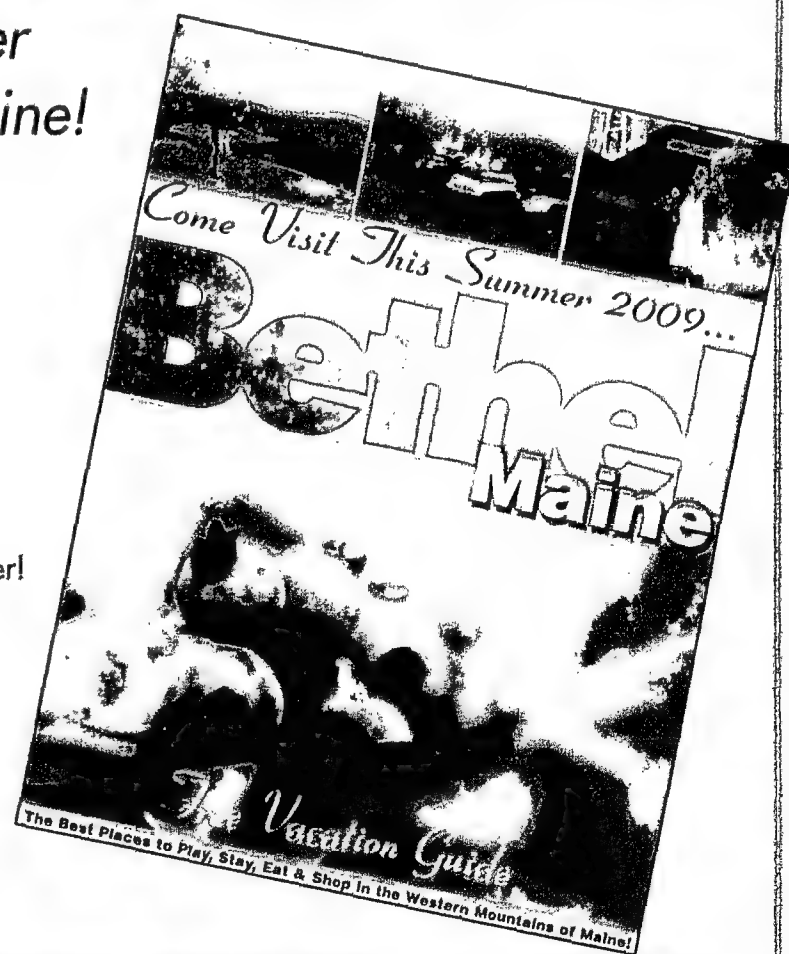
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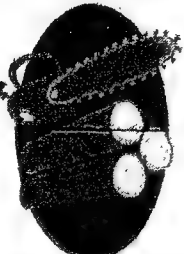
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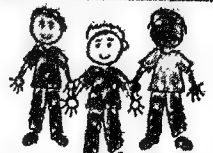
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Mrs. Sabin's K/1 class at AES recently created individual dinosaur stamps and took a walking field trip to the Post Office, where the stamps are on display.

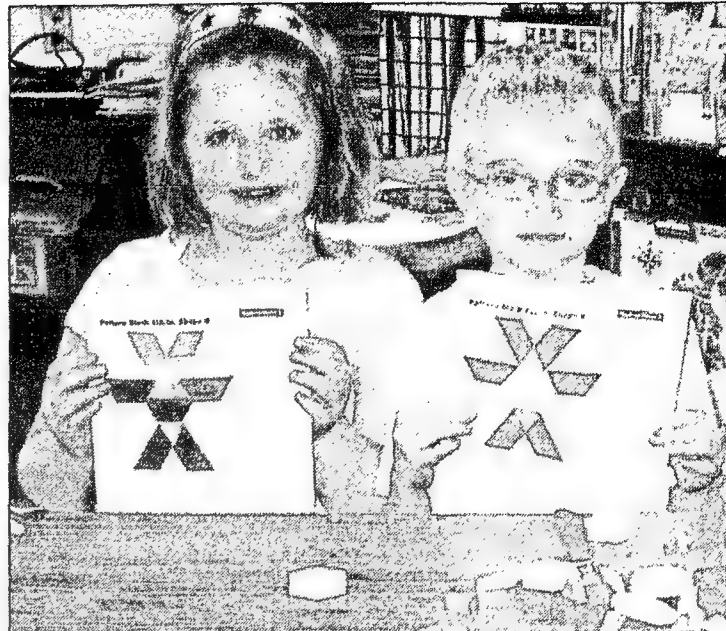


AES K/1 children created Aboriginal Art as part of their study about Australia. They are shown here with koala masks.

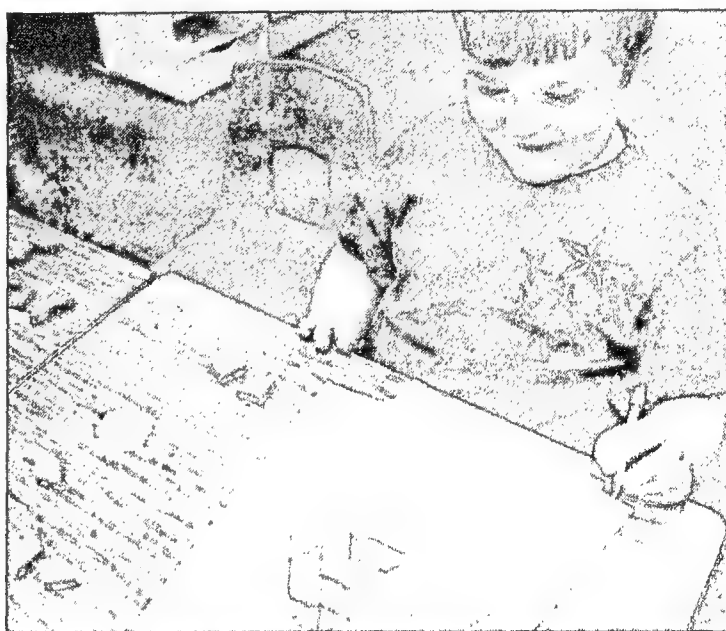


The AES K-2 Basketball Team.

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A Curriculum Fair took place March 24 at WES. Students are shown here preparing. Above: Grade 1 - Madysyn Buck and Caden Poland working on their Geometry Shapes Folder. They then did a 3-D project from home for display. Below: Grade 1 - Tracker working on the Geometry shapes.



CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY



Students in one of Mrs. Wight's second grade reading groups had a great time making litmus lozenges (lollipops) after reading the book, "Because of Winn-Dixie." One of the main characters in the story built a candy factory after coming home from the Civil War. front: Cameron Simard, Miranda Colby, TJ Frongillo, Will Laflamme, Trey Meader Back: Morgan Cropley, Max Godomsky, Ryan Anderson, Isabel Chase, Caroline Newell parent volunteer/teacher Mrs. Newell.



All second graders at CPS are learning about maple syrup. Mrs. Smith told about the process, then and now. A field trip to Fred Burke's in Sunday River was planned for this week to see the process in action. Pictured are: Emily Fraser, Call Orino, Caleb Moyer, Dakota Tuttle, Russel Haines, Grace Vanboskirk, Paula Smith (presenter) and Mrs. DaLallo (second grade teacher).



Read Across America Day was March 2. Students in Mrs. Wight's class celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading, Bartholomew and the Oobleck. Pupils made oobleck, solved some math word problems about some of Dr. Seuss's books he wrote, and were a wonderful audience in the afternoon for the Senior Players. We had a visit at the end of the day by the Cat in the Hat. Pictured are: Calla Orino, Will Laflamme, T.J. Frongillo, Austin Westleigh, Max, Godomsky, Lucas Malley, Trey Meader, and The Cat in the Hat (Dr. Finley).

TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL

MARIAH BUNDY RECEIVES MPA PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Mariah Bundy, daughter of Karen Seames of Woodstock, and a senior at Telstar Regional High School, has been selected to receive the 2010 Principal's Award, Principal Dan Hart announced recently. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. Hart said making the award: "Mariah has earned the respect of her classmates, fellow students and staff members at Telstar High School. She is a well-rounded, diligent and dedicated student and school citizen. She has excelled as an athlete especially in field hockey, as well as a four year musician, a thespian and school leader. Mariah has also assisted many students as a peer tutor, served as a school ambassador, led her peers within transition to high school activities, and with many school climate projects, including improving both the appearance and spirit of our school. A two-year member of the National Honor Society, Mariah has also exceeded taking all honors and Advanced Placement courses provided by Telstar High School, as well as taking on-line early college courses and most recently, Chinese. Few students have participated, gained as much as learning, and given back to others as Mariah Bundy has at Telstar High School." Bundy, Hart and other award winners and their principals will attend an Honors Luncheon at the Spectacular Event Center on April 3.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—Senior Kara Zadakis and freshman Gaby Conrad are the February Students of the Month at Telstar High School. The program recognizes the accomplishments of two high school students each month. The students, one from the freshman or sophomore class and one from the junior or senior class, are nominated and voted upon by school staff. Criteria for selection include school and community service, leadership and academics. The program is a joint effort of Telstar and the Rotary Club of Bethel.

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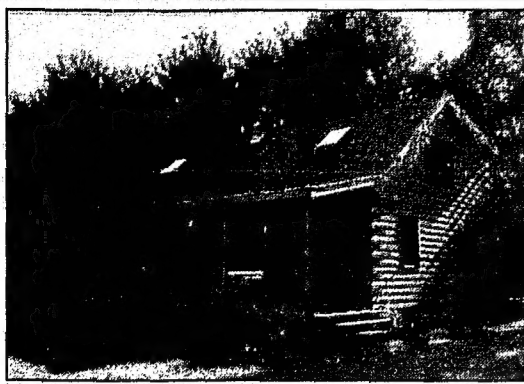
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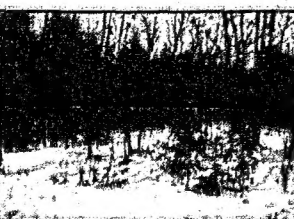
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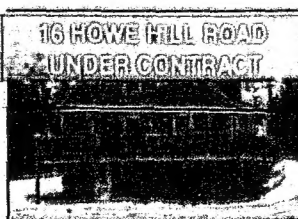
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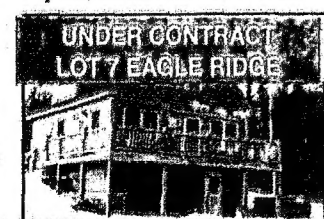
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Jerry K's Korner on the Market! (An 8-legged perspective on Real Estate & Life)

So, Ben, can you believe how busy real estate activity has been lately?

You're right Jerry, it seems as though consumer confidence is resurfacing. People are looking at all sorts of properties ... ski-in-ski-out condos, waterfronts, land parcels, log sided chalets, luxury town homes ... The list goes on and on.

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Lot 3 Otter Brook, Bethel: To Be Built. 3-BR/2-bath log-sided chalet to be built on 2.2 acres in a new subdivision that has meadow & mountain views. The house will offer an open living area, mudroom, gas fireplace, tongue & groove pine ceilings and wrap-around deck. (Representative Photo). \$229,000

1 Frog Lane, Woodstock: Brand-new 3-BR home set in a private location. Features include a master suite, fireplace, wood floors, study office & heated 2-car garage. Cherry kitchen cabinets, granite bathroom vanities & large deck. 5 min. to Mt. Abram and 20 to Sunday River. \$299,000

70 Deer View Lane, Bethel: 4BR 2.5 Bath home in Bethel Woods subdivision. This is a beautiful home with a wrap-around porch, a large deck with wood-burning stove, a master suite with a walk-in closet, a full kitchen with stainless steel appliances, a 2nd floor laundry room, 2 BRs & 2 1/2 baths. \$389,000

99 Dundee Rd, Albany Twp: 3-BR post & beam home with gorgeous mt. views and lots of privacy on 36 acres. Property features include 2 baths, a storage shed, workshop, gardens, pasture, woods. Home features include fresh paint, new counters, slate & wood floors, covered porch. \$279,000

718 Walkers Mills Rd, Bethel: Conveniently located and affordably priced this 2-bedroom 1.5-bath home is situated on an elevated 2-acre lot. State lead entry, hardwood flooring, living room plus a den, kitchen with an outbuilding. Updates include new windows and vinyl siding. \$114,900

283 Holman Road, Rumford: Private 3-BR 2.5-bath home on 58 acres with spectacular views of Mt. Washington and White Cap. Large 630 sq. ft. kitchen with stainless steel appliances & maple cabinets. Large master suite 2 other BRs with ample closets. Daylight basement with French doors. \$310,000

Land

NEW LISTING Lot 20, Mahoosuc Glen: This 1-acre home site at the Sunday River Golf Course has mountain views. Owner financing available. \$129,000

NEW PRICE 29 Breckenridge, Powder Ridge: Premier 1.8-acre building lot just minutes from Sunday River's world-class skiing and golf. Features panoramic views of Puzos Mountain toward Grafton Notch. \$65,000

Wilson's Rips, Lot 1, Bethel: Only minutes from Bethel Village in the subdivision of Wilson's Rips. This is a 3.95-acre corner lot that would make a great location for your year-round or vacation home. \$60,000

Lot 3, Douglas Road, Newry: Located in Baker's Acres just 5 minutes to Sunday River's skiing & golf. Build your dream home with panoramic views. This 1.53-acre lot is easily accessible. \$99,900

Lot 4, Northern Acres, Newry: Nicely elevated 4.5-acre lot has beautiful mountain/slope views. The homesite is ready to go with power to the street, a gravel driveway, surveyed and soil tested. This is the last lot available in this secluded 4-lot subdivision. \$99,900

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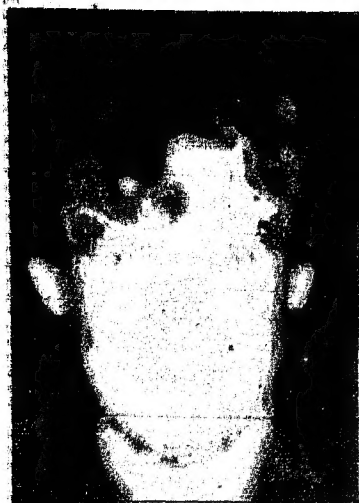
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South Ridge 2- & 3-bedroom town homes from \$229,000

White Cap 1-bedroom condo for \$124,900

Obituaries



GEORGE A. OLSON

George A. Olson Jr., 56, of Bethel, passed away Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at the Kennebunk Nursing and Rehab Facility, where he had been a patient for a short time.

He was born in Rumford on Sept. 5, 1953, the son of George A. Olson, Sr. and the late Barbara (Learned) Olson. He graduated with the Class of 1972 from Telstar Regional High School, Bethel, specializing in small engine repair and snow machine overhauls.

After graduating high school, George began his carpentry career working with his father. He worked for him for 20 years, then took over George A. Olson & Son Builders in 1992, upon George Sr.'s retirement.

George was a lover of the outdoors, as he was an avid hunter and snow machine rider.

He enjoyed NASCAR racing so much that when he was in his 20s, he built his stockcar and raced at Oxford Plains Speedway. He was an excellent mechanic and loved working on his Ford Mustangs.

George also had a special love for his close companion and friend, Tara, his dog, who he greatly missed when she was laid to rest.

George is survived by his father, George A. Olson, Sr. of Bryant Pond, his sister, Kelly, of South Portland, his three very special nieces Gena Morgan of Newry; Tasha Paradis of Milton and

Natasha Vascik of Bethel; one great-nephew Russell Haines of Newry; and three great-nieces, Kaylee, Kaitlyn and Olivia Buck, of Milton.

George was pre-deceased by his mother, Barbara, who passed away in March of 1995, and his brother Andrew, who passed away in January of 1958.

There will be a private memorial service for him later in the Spring.



JEANNE L. ROUSE

Mrs. Jeanne L. Rouse, 63, died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at her residence in Andover.

Born in Portland, Maine, on Oct. 6, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Neil and Frances (White) Irish. She was a graduate of Windham High School. She served in the US Navy from 1965 to 1968. She worked for the State of Maine in the Social Security Office.

She was married in Westbrook, Maine, on June 11, 1966, to the late Mahlom "Skeeter" Rouse.

Survivors include two sisters, Donna Mayberry and her husband Everett of Andover and Viola Yates and her husband Francis of Andover; two brothers, Neal Irish and his wife Barbara of Lyman, Maine, and Leo Irish and his wife Brenda of Andover, Maine; five nieces; four nephews; and six great nephews and nieces.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at the Mayberry Cemetery in Windham. Online register book and condolences may be shared at www.meador-andson.com.

Engagements



Koskela — Sabin

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Koskela of West Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sabin of Andover proudly announce the engagement of their children, Kristina Jeannine Koskela and Michael Dawson Sabin of Portland.

Miss Koskela is a graduate of the University of Southern Maine Class of 2008 earning a BFA in Studio Art.

She is employed by Youth Alternatives Ingraham as a Residential Technician and Art Therapist for The Bridge Program.

Mr. Sabin is a graduate of the University of Southern Maine Class of 2006 earning a BA in Linguistics as well as earning his graduate degree at the State University of Albany, New York in Russian Language and Literature. He is employed by the Pharmacia Corporation.

A Halloween 2010 wedding is planned at Sugarloaf in Carra-basset Valley at the Bell Interfaith Chapel, followed by a costume ball reception at the Sugarloaf base lodge.

Births

Jessie and Hollis Pratt Jr. of Naples are pleased to announce the arrival of a son, Dylan John Pratt. Dylan was born at 2:19 A.M. October 11, 2009 at Mercy Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Gail Wight of Newry. Paternal grand-parents are Connie and James Shepa-rdson of Durham and Hollis Pratt Sr. of Raymond.

Maternal great grand-mothers are Mary Dooen of Bethel and Ethelyne Wight of Green Valley, AZ.

Dylan joins his big brother Colby, age 3.

Kristen A. Heath and Jered J. Heath of Gonic, NH are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Kallie Anne Heath. Kallie was born at 6:37 a.m. on Feb. 24, 2010 at Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NH. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

Kallie's paternal grand-parents are Cynthia and Jim Heath, Sr. of Bethel. Paternal great-grandfather is Forrest Heath of West Paris.

Maternal grandparents are Virginia and Nathan Phinney of Strafford, NH. Maternal great-grandfather is Charlie Phinney of Fla.

Devin and Bethany Benson of Woodstock are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Morgan Alexandra Benson, born on March 5, 2010 weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are James Lobb of Norway and Cathy Lobb of Lynn, Mass.

Paternal grandparents are Robert Benson of West Paris and Dorene and Harold Wilbur of Woodstock.

Morgan Alexandra joins her sister, Brianna, age 6.

Andrew and Misty Cronin of Melbourne, Australia, are pleased to announce the arrival of Evelyn Mimi Cronin, born Feb. 21, 2010, weighing in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Evelyn joins her sister, Matilda Rose Cronin, 22 months old.

Maternal grandparents are Jeff and Elaine Hutchins and great-grandmother, Marjorie "Mimi" Witter.

We look forward to catching up with friends and family during our visit in July.

Angie Mills and Ryan Kirkey of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Evelyn Elizabeth Kirkey, born on March 16, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Debra Mills of Bethel, and Burton Mills and Ann Malabre of Gallatin Gateway, Mont.

Paternal grandmother is Karen Cheever of Danvers, Mass.

Jill (Angevine) Sanborn and Kurt Sanborn of Kenduskeag are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Jaeden Avery Sanborn, born Feb. 16, 2010 at Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor, weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are George and Cheryl Angevine of Bethel. Great-grandfather is Avery Angevine of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Sandy Sanborn of Glenburn and George Sanborn of Kenduskeag. Great-grandmother is Frances Sanborn of Glenburn.

Jaeden Avery joins her sister Makayla Rose, age 3.

Tia Bean and Rob Thomas of Bridgton are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Natalie Rosemary-Ann Thomas, born on March 21, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Lori and Kenny Pulsifer of Rumford.

Paternal grandparents are Carol Thomas of Lewiston and Larry Thomas of Ariz.

Natalie Rosemary-Ann joins sister Nevaeh Carla-Rose Bailey, age 3 1/2, and brother Chance James Bean, age 8 1/2.



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THANK YOU
On behalf of the family of Dee Seidell I would like to say thank you to all of you who came out to the Bethel Inn to show us their love and support during this very difficult time in our lives. My Sister loved so many people and was so happy to be living back in Maine. I believe she is smiling down on all of us now having a great time with my mother and my brothers. If she could say anything right now its that life is too short to be unhappy. Have fun and smile!
I would like to say a special thank you to Rick and Sara Savage for opening up their home and their hearts to my entire extended family. Dee loved the Savage family so much. For me, it felt like coming home. For Ron and Cindy Savage for all your help with the arrangements. For TJ Savage for clearing a way to Frenchman's. It was the most beautiful service thank you for making it possible. A big thank you to Taylor, Ashley and Catelynn for being there for Alyssa. I love you all very much.
Jodi Seidell Thompson

Thank You
Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair,
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there,
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